
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 960 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MURT, NEILSON, K. BOYLE, KINSEY, STERN, O'NEILL,
AUMENT, PICKETT, DAY, LUCAS, FARINA, TALLMAN, MILLARD,
DIGIROLAMO, READSHAW, RAPP, MALONEY, SAYLOR, BAKER, TURZAI,
SWANGER, C. HARRIS, VEREB, MAJOR, COX, GINGRICH, FLECK, ROCK,
HENNESSEY AND MAHONEY, AUGUST 28, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and contributions of John Patrick Stanton,
2 humanitarian, activist and founder of the prolife movement in
3 this Commonwealth, who died on January 31, 2014, at 86 years
4 of age.

5 WHEREAS, John Patrick Stanton, the son of Dennis and Agnes
6 Walsh Stanton, was born in Jenkintown on July 7, 1927; and

7 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1969, Mr. Stanton became involved in
8 the prolife movement in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Stanton collaborated with the General
10 Assembly to secure the passage of legislation to strengthen
11 State laws relating to abortion; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton worked tirelessly and effectively to
13 organize residents of this Commonwealth to advance the prolife
14 movement in which he so genuinely believed; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton was instrumental in the establishment of
16 a Statewide Choose Life license plate program in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, This program has raised tens of thousands of dollars

1 for crisis pregnancy centers in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton manifested leadership by faithful
3 example, sometimes at great personal cost; and

4 WHEREAS, For many years, Mr. Stanton prayed and counseled at
5 various facilities in the Philadelphia area; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton and his wife, by providing housing at
7 their home in Jenkintown, personally assisted pregnant women;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton organized and led many efforts to
10 provide care and resources to pregnant women in crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton's Catholic faith and Irish heritage
12 provided the motivation for his leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton earned a master's degree in theology at
14 St. Charles Seminary and shared his teachings of St. Patrick's
15 life and legacy; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton represented the finest qualities of
17 mankind, having demonstrated exceptional abilities in the
18 interests of business, social justice and community involvement;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton was a loving and devoted husband to
21 Harriet Althouse Stanton, as well as a loving and devoted
22 father, grandfather and great-grandfather to their 12 children,
23 46 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
25 and contributions of John Patrick Stanton, humanitarian,
26 activist and founder of the prolife movement in this
27 Commonwealth, who died on January 31, 2014, at 86 years of age;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the family of John Patrick Stanton.