THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 323

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INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, JULY 21, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the Dental Lifeline Network for their "Donated Dental Services Program."
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1996, the Dental Lifeline Network of Pennsylvania
- 4 and the Pennsylvania Dental Association established the Donated
- 5 Dental Services (DDS) Program; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Throughout the last 26 years, the DDS Program,
- 7 dentists and dental laboratories have donated comprehensive
- 8 treatment for people with permanent disabilities or who are
- 9 elderly or medically fragile and who cannot afford dental care;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Since the program's inception, volunteers for the
- 12 DDS Program have included 565 dentists and 111 dental
- 13 laboratories who have treated 6,000 people with seriously
- 14 neglected dental problems; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The DDS Program has reached a landmark milestone of
- 16 supplying more than \$20 million in donated dental services
- 17 through the generosity and benevolence of dentists and
- 18 laboratories throughout this Commonwealth; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Nationally, the DDS Program has provided more than
- 2 \$510 million in donated dental services; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The strength and success of this Commonwealth, the
- 4 vitality of our communities and the effectiveness of society
- 5 depend, in great measure, upon concerned and devoted
- 6 organizations through programs such as the DDS Program;
- 7 therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Pennsylvania Dental
- 9 Association and the Dental Lifeline Network for their "Donated
- 10 Dental Services Program"; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate and express its
- 12 profound gratitude to the Pennsylvania Dental Association,
- 13 Dental Lifeline Network of Pennsylvania and the many DDS
- 14 volunteer dentists and dental laboratories who have provided
- 15 comprehensive dental treatment to vulnerable people; and be it
- 16 further
- 17 RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the Pennsylvania Dental
- 18 Association and Dental Lifeline Network, DDS Program, for
- 19 furnishing more than \$20 million in dental treatment to people
- 20 in this Commonwealth with disabilities or who are elderly or
- 21 medically fragile and cannot afford dental care; and be it
- 22 further
- 23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 24 the Pennsylvania Dental Association and Dental Lifeline Network
- 25 of Pennsylvania.