THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CEPHAS, GALLOWAY, WEBSTER, ULLMAN, HOHENSTEIN, LONGIETTI, ROZZI, BURGOS, GREEN, DeLUCA, KINSEY, McCLINTON, SANCHEZ, YOUNGBLOOD, GAINEY AND KORTZ, MAY 4, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 4, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 6420 and 1 update the CARES act to allow children younger than 19 years 2 of age, students 24 years of age and younger and all disabled 3 dependents to receive direct cash payments from the Federal 5 Government. 6 WHEREAS, Working Pennsylvanians across this Commonwealth face uncertainty and hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and 7 8 WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the Congress of the United States enacted the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281) to 10 11 provide emergency assistance and financial relief to individuals, families and businesses during the COVID-19 12 pandemic; and 13 14 WHEREAS, The CARES act provides direct cash payments of 15 \$1,200 for adults and \$500 for dependent children 16 years of 16 age and younger; and 17 WHEREAS, The CARES act does not provide any kind of payments 18 to dependents 17 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has caused millions of college

- 1 students, disabled dependents, working minors and their families
- 2 to experience job losses, financial hardship and serious health
- 3 consequences; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
- 5 Pennsylvania recognizes that millions of college students,
- 6 disabled dependents, working minors and their families are just
- 7 as deserving of aid in their time of need as every other
- 8 American; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Angie Craig has introduced H.R. 6420,
- 10 the All Dependent Children Count Act, to include children
- 11 younger than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and
- 12 younger and all disabled dependents in the definition of a
- 13 "dependent" in the CARES act; and
- 14 WHEREAS, If passed, H.R. 6420 would allow children younger
- 15 than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and younger and
- 16 all disabled dependents to receive direct cash payments from the
- 17 Federal Government; therefore be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
- 20 States to pass H.R. 6420 and update the CARES act to allow
- 21 children younger than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age
- 22 and younger and all disabled dependents to receive direct cash
- 23 payments from the Federal Government; and be it further
- 24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 25 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
- 26 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.