

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Resolution No. _____ CR-8-1990

Proposed by _____ Council Member Castaldi

Introduced by _____ Council Member Castaldi

Co-Sponsors _____

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Long-term custodial nursing home care

FOR the purpose of requesting the United States Congress to provide for long-term custodial nursing home care for the elderly through a system of tax exemptions, health insurance and government-provided services.

WHEREAS, during the past half-century, advancements within the field of medical care have provided Americans with an increased life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, the extension of old age has left many to face loss of income and the ability to adequately take care of their personal medical and financial needs, leading them to be dependent upon custodial care public or private institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, there has been a substantial loss of public facilities

dedicated to the care of the fragile elderly, and private nursing homes have become expensive beyond the means of many seniors and/or their families; and

WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare lack adequate provisions for long-term custodial care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the United States Congress is hereby requested to review and evaluate funding mechanisms to provide for the long-term nursing home care of the elderly, including providing tax exemptions to permit families of the elderly and other needy to keep them at home for long-term custodial care, requiring the insurance industry to issue policies which include long-term custodial care at equitable rates, and investigating the possibility of establishing National Health Insurance or National Health Service which will adequately provide for long-term custodial care for all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall send copies of this Resolution to the Maryland Congressional delegation.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 1990.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jo Ann T. Bell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jean M. Schmuhl, CMC
Clerk of the Council