
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, PISCIOTTANO, FARRY, MARTIN, FONTANA,
PHILLIPS-HILL, PENNYCUICK, LAUGHLIN, COMMITTA, BROWN, CULVER,
BAKER AND COSTA, JANUARY 22, 2025

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JANUARY 22, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 85th birthday and ongoing achievements of former
2 Pennsylvania First Lady and advocate Virginia "Ginny"
3 Thornburgh.

4 WHEREAS, Virginia "Ginny" Thornburgh was born January 7,
5 1940, in Hastings on Hudson, New York; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh earned her bachelor's degree in
7 Philosophy and Religion at Wheaton College; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh went on to earn her master's degree
9 in Education from Harvard University; and

10 WHEREAS, Following her education, Ms. Thornburgh taught third
11 grade in Lincoln, Massachusetts; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh devoted decades of her life to
13 advocating for people with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh served as the Director of Interfaith
15 Initiative for the American Association of People with
16 disabilities, assisting people with disabilities and their
17 families as they sought spiritual and religious access; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh served for 19 years as the Director

1 of Religion and Disability Program for the National Organization
2 on Disability in a similar role; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh served two years as Coordinator for
4 Programs for Persons with Disabilities at Harvard University;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh coauthored and edited multiple
7 writings, including the award-winning publication "That All May
8 Worship"; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh was married to the late Dick
10 Thornburgh, former Governor of Pennsylvania from 1979 through
11 1987, Attorney General of the United States and Under-Secretary-
12 General of the United Nations, for over 60 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh and her late husband are the parents
14 of a son with intellectual and physical disabilities who
15 inspired her initial advocacy; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh and her late husband received
17 multiple awards for their advocacy and involvement in the
18 disability community and she has received eleven honorary
19 degrees; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Thornburgh has contributed greatly to the
21 welfare and flourishing of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the 85th birthday and ongoing
23 achievements of former Pennsylvania First Lady and advocate,
24 Virginia "Ginny" Thornburgh.