

House Resolution 1476

By: Representative Channell of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Cecile Covey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cecile Covey recently celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday; and
- 3 WHEREAS, her distinguished career in health care spanned hospital administration;
4 development and implementation of nursing practice and cost studies in eight Long Island,
5 N.Y., hospitals; and exemplary service as an associate professor of nursing and director of
6 the Health Sciences Program for Long Island University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, upon relocating to Great Waters at the Reynolds Plantation, she recognized
8 major problems in health services for Putnam County, Greene County, and Morgan County,
9 notably the struggle of local hospitals to meet payrolls, fragmentation of services, lack of
10 coordination and cooperation among the hospitals, and failure to pool resources; and
- 11 WHEREAS, using her home as a base, she invited competitors to come together in a social
12 setting to explore regionalization and persuaded them to agree to allow staff from the Health
13 Policies Center to do an in-depth study of the three hospitals; and
- 14 WHEREAS, her leadership was instrumental in creating the broad based health planning
15 councils in each county reporting to a Tri-County Executive Board for planning,
16 programming, budgeting, and implementation based on priority needs; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was the person most responsible for bringing the Tender Care Community
18 Health Centers to Greene County and Putnam County, thus providing thousands of people
19 with access to affordable health care; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she and her late husband, Dr. Jerome Covey, reared a fine family of a daughter,
21 Jacqueline, and a son, David, who are both practicing attorneys; and

1 WHEREAS, she was amateur golf champion in Long Island and the State of New York,
2 enjoying a two handicap, and has achieved an astounding total of 14 holes-in-one during her
3 golfing career; and

4 WHEREAS, her late husband affectionately called her "a piece of work," but her name for
5 him can not be repeated in this resolution; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of her community have reaped great benefits from her high energy
7 level for volunteer work and are indeed fortunate that this "piece of work" came their way.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body congratulate Cecile Covey on her seventy-fifth birthday and
10 commend her for innovative and valuable community service.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cecile Covey.