



SPONSOR: Sen. Sokola

DELAWARE STATE SENATE

140th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

HONORING DORIS HADDOCK FOR HER PUBLIC SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION IN UNDERTAKING A GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT TO BRING ABOUT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

1 WHEREAS, Doris Haddock, 89, of Dublin, New Hampshire, known to her great grandchildren  
2 as "Granny D," is walking across America from California to Washington, D.C., to help focus the  
3 nation's attention on the need for campaign finance reform, and

4 WHEREAS, Granny D left Los Angeles on January 1, 1999, and has walked ten miles per day  
5 and plans to arrive in Washington D.C., on February 29, 2000, and

6 WHEREAS, Granny D is showing how much she cares by walking in spite of her arthritis and  
7 emphysema and by talking about campaign reform to as many people as she can along her way, and

8 WHEREAS, Granny D is making a profound statement on the democratic process by walking 10  
9 miles a day, six days a week, and

10 WHEREAS, Granny D has been joined on her travels by thousands of supporters, including  
11 congressmen, college students, family members and even a dog named DJ for "Doris Junior," and

12 WHEREAS, Granny D hopes that her effort will encourage people to contact their representatives  
13 and demand campaign finance reform, and

14 WHEREAS, Granny D proposes that Congressional incumbents and challengers say "Yes" or  
15 "No" to a simple 25-word pledge, which reads as follows:

16 "I pledge my vote and full procedural support to ban soft money --the \$100,000 contributions to state and  
17 federal political races that undermine our democracy."

18 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States decided on January 24, 2000 in Nixon,  
19 Attorney General of Missouri v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC that limits on campaign contributions  
20 protect the integrity of the political process from undue influence and that those limits do not impede a  
21 citizen's First Amendment right to free speech in the political arena,

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 140th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that  
24 congratulations are hereby extended to Doris "Granny D" Haddock for nearing completion of her 3,000-  
25 mile walk to highlight the urgency of passing campaign finance reform legislation and the great personal  
26 sacrifice she has made.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
28 Doris "Granny D" Haddock, Dublin, New Hampshire.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution honors Doris Haddock, a senior citizen from New Hampshire, who has begun a grass roots movement to bring about campaign finance reform.