

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 000123)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the ALS Hope Foundation for its work in the research and treatment of "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a fatal motor neuron disease. ALS strikes people in the prime of their lives, robbing them of the ability to walk, talk, swallow and eventually breathe. There is no known cause and there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, the MCP-Hahnemann ALS Center, was co-founded by nationally recognized neurologist and researcher, Terry Heiman-Patterson, M.D., as the first certified multidisciplinary clinic in the country; and

WHEREAS, At the Philadelphia location, ALS patients benefit from the expertise of a team of professionals that includes a neurologist, a nurse, physical and occupational therapists, a speech and swallowing therapist, a nutritionist and a social worker; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Dr. Heiman-Patterson founded the ALS Hope Foundation for the purpose of creating a secure funding base for ALS programs throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation will initially fund ongoing clinical and basic ALS research in the area and ultimately fund the creation of an institute devoted to research focusing on finding a cure for ALS and other motor neuron diseases; and

WHEREAS, The creation of the ALS Hope Foundation enhances Philadelphia as a leader in medical research by creating a unique funding source that will stabilize research aimed at unlocking the mystery of ALS and other motor neuron diseases; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we commend the ALS Hope Foundation for its work in the research and treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

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RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Terry Heiman-Patterson, further evidencing the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution,
Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the second of March, 2000.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kenney

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, Goode, DiCicco, Nutter, Miller,
Cohen, Clarke, Ortiz, Reynolds Brown and Blackwell