## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AMENDED, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1986

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.
- 3 WHEREAS, After World War II, thousands of military personnel
- 4 returned from action with spinal cord injuries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Due to the development of antibiotics and new
- 6 medical techniques, the life span of spinal cord injured
- 7 veterans was significantly prolonged, and they were able to
- 8 leave the confines of the hospital and return home; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Upon returning to their communities and workplaces,
- 10 spinal cord injured veterans found society unwilling, unable or
- 11 ill-prepared to accommodate their needs; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 1946, spinal cord injured veterans joined
- 13 together and officially formed the Paralyzed Veterans of America
- 14 in order to foster positive attitudes about themselves and to
- 15 create opportunities for thousands of veterans; and
- 16 WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, the Paralyzed Veterans of

- 1 America has led the way in ensuring quality health care and
- 2 rehabilitation opportunities for the spinal cord injured veteran
- 3 and has relentlessly pressed for full civil rights for millions
- 4 of disabled Americans inhibited by architectural,
- 5 transportational and attitudinal barriers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Paralyzed Veterans of America, through its
- 7 national efforts and through the efforts of its chapter
- 8 organizations located in this Commonwealth--Eastern Paralyzed
- 9 Veterans Association and Tri-State Paralyzed Veterans of
- 10 America--has greatly benefited the citizens of this
- 11 Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the House of
- 13 Representatives GENERAL ASSEMBLY congratulate and commemorate

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- 14 the 40th Anniversary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America; and
- 15 be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 17 officials of the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association and Tri-
- 18 State Paralyzed Veterans of America.