

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 110 Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, MAY 6, 1991

ADOPTED, MAY 6, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 1991 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month."

2 WHEREAS, Communicative disorders, including hearing loss,
3 speech impairments and related language deficiencies constitute
4 our nation's number one disability, affecting 1.2 million people
5 in this Commonwealth alone and 37 million people nationally; and

6 WHEREAS, Most people with such problems can be helped through
7 medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The first step toward obtaining help is knowing that
10 it is available; and

11 WHEREAS, The leading national and regional organizations
12 concerned with hearing, speech and language problems have joined
13 together in a common desire to promote public awareness through
14 an intensive annual effort; and

15 WHEREAS, Such an effort will help encourage and stimulate
16 early detection of communicative disorders, proper prevention,
17 treatment and greater public understanding of hearing, speech

1 and language impairments; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
3 month of May 1991 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month"; urge all
4 Pennsylvanians to learn more about hearing, speech and language
5 disorders and join in the effort to create a more enlightened
6 public attitude and response to this, our nation's most
7 widespread malady.