## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 344 Session of 1996

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 15, 1996

## A RESOLUTION

1 2	Designating May 1 through 7, 1996, as "Barrier Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Four out of five Americans will experience some form
4	of disability during their lifetimes, and there are currently 37
5	million Americans with disabilities; and
6	WHEREAS, The financial and physical barriers can be overcome,
7	but individuals with disabilities are emotionally and culturally
8	blocked as surely and permanently as indifference will permit;
9	and
LO	WHEREAS, There are no cures for many disabilities; and
11	WHEREAS, No one can really understand the full implication of
L2	living with a disability unless he or she has experienced that

1 disability personally; and

2 WHEREAS, A pill has not been developed to dull the hurts and 3 injustices inflicted upon individuals with disabilities due to a 4 lack of understanding; and

5 WHEREAS, The recently enacted Americans With Disabilities Act 6 of 1990 (ADA) (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327) represents a 7 wealth of opportunities for people with disabilities in the 8 areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation and 9 telecommunication; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 11 week of May 1 through 7, 1996, as "Barrier Awareness Week" in 12 Pennsylvania.