## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating May 3, 2002, as "Barrier Awareness Day" in
- 2 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
- 10 WHEREAS, There are no cures for many disabilities; and

- 1 WHEREAS, No one can really understand the full implication of
- 2 living with a disability unless he or she has experienced that
- 3 disability personally; and
- 4 WHEREAS, A pill has not been developed to dull the hurts and
- 5 injustices inflicted upon individuals with disabilities due to a
- 6 lack of understanding; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
- 8 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327) represents a wealth of
- 9 opportunities for people with disabilities in the areas of
- 10 public accommodations, employment, transportation and
- 11 telecommunication; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 3,
- 13 2002, as "Barrier Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.