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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging nonappeal of the court decision on currency  
2 discrimination.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Court of Appeals for the District  
4 of Columbia Circuit has ruled that United States bill currency  
5 discriminates against people who are visually challenged; and

6 WHEREAS, It is difficult for people with sight impairments to  
7 tell the differences of the denominations of currency, making  
8 them subject to fraud or error in currency transactions; and

9 WHEREAS, Solutions to this problem may easily be adopted by  
10 the Department of the Treasury by changing the size or shape of  
11 currency; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Federal Government not to  
14 appeal the court ruling on currency discrimination and instead  
15 urge the Department of the Treasury to commence designing and  
16 promptly produce currency whose denominations can be determined  
17 by touch; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
2   United States Secretary of the Treasury.