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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS, MORRIS, KUKOVICH, TIGUE, STABACK,  
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DeLUCA, FREEMAN, McCALL, MELIO, DeWEESE AND PRESSMANN,  
MAY 12, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 12, 1987

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a multi-  
2 cultural, multi-lingual jurisdiction.

3 WHEREAS, In 1681 William Penn established his colony of  
4 Pennsylvania as a refuge and haven for all ethnic groups of all  
5 religious persuasions; and

6 WHEREAS, Penn's religiously and ethnically tolerant colony  
7 stood in bright contrast to other colonies that restricted the  
8 freedoms of their citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, The history of Pennsylvania has been beneficially  
10 and inextricably interlaced with that of its large and growing  
11 multi-cultural population whose multi-linguistic heritage since  
12 its first days has never hurt us but has instead given us access  
13 to the rich and varied cultures of the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Our Commonwealth's tradition of a multi-cultural  
15 society is mirrored in our multi-ethnic nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The real common bond of all Americans is our shared

1 belief and commitment to democracy, freedom and equality of  
2 opportunity; and

3 WHEREAS, In this year in which we commemorate the 200th  
4 anniversary of our great nation's Constitution, it is especially  
5 fitting that we affirm and cherish our history of being a multi-  
6 cultural, multi-lingual society; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That The House of Representatives hereby designates  
8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a multi-cultural, multi-  
9 lingual jurisdiction and declares that the respect for all  
10 languages and cultures is integral to its continued prosperity.