THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating January 15 through February 15, 1992, as "Alcohol Information Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is the single greatest substance-
- 4 specific problem in this Commonwealth, directly affecting
- 5 between 11% and 16% of the population; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is estimated by the Congressional Office of
- 7 Technology that alcohol abuse and misuse may cost the Nation as
- 8 much as \$120 billion annually in terms of lost production,
- 9 medical costs, motor vehicle accidents, fire losses and violent
- 10 crimes; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Alcohol is related to one-half of all traffic
- 12 deaths, one-third each of all traffic injuries, suicides and
- 13 crimes and more than two-thirds of all drownings; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Alcohol use is associated with a large percentage of
- 15 teenage pregnancies and is also associated with the alarming
- 16 rate of teenage suicide; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse has been linked to a variety of social
- 2 problems, such as violence, homelessness, crime and increased
- 3 health costs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Efforts at alerting and educating the public about
- 5 the dangers of alcohol abuse can have a significant positive
- 6 effect in lessening this alarming problem; therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend United
- 8 Mental Health and its Special Advisory Council on Alcohol and
- 9 Other Drugs for its efforts to combat alcohol abuse and
- 10 designate January 15 through February 15, 1992, as "Alcohol
- 11 Information Month" in Pennsylvania.