THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 229 Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY HABAY, ARMSTRONG, M. BAKER, BASTIAN, BENNINGHOFF, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLARK, CLYMER, COLEMAN, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, DAILEY, DELUCA, EGOLF, FEESE, FICHTER, GABIG, GEIST, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEWIS, MCILHATTAN, MCNAUGHTON, MELIO, METCALFE, R. MILLER, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROHRER, SATHER, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, R. STEVENSON, T. STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, ZIMMERMAN, DIVEN AND HORSEY, MAY 29, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 29, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the continued hanging of the Ten Commandments plaque 2 in the Allegheny County Courthouse where it has hung for more 3 than 80 years. WHEREAS, This plaque has been publicly displayed in the 4 5 courthouse for more than 80 years and is as much a part of the 6 history and tradition of the courthouse as anything; and 7 WHEREAS, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington, D.C., advocacy group, has threatened a lawsuit 8 9 against Allegheny County if a marker titled "The Commandments" is not removed from the Allegheny County Courthouse wall near 10 11 the courthouse's Fifth Avenue entrance where it has hung since 12 about 1918; and 13 WHEREAS, The many calls in protest of the lawsuit indicate that Allegheny County residents feel that the removal of the Ten 14

15 Commandments plaque would be an injustice; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the
continued hanging of the Ten Commandments plaque in the
Allegheny County Courthouse where it has hung for more than 80
years.