THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 23, 2007

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the month of July 2007 as "Special Olympics
- 2 Pennsylvania Month."
- 3 WHEREAS, Special Olympics is an international nonprofit
- 4 organization dedicated to the empowerment, through sports and
- 5 physical activities, of children and adults with intellectual
- 6 disabilities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Inclusion and community involvement are fundamental
- 8 to the worldwide Special Olympics movement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides free year-

- 1 round training and fair competition for athletes of all ability
- 2 levels in a variety of individual and team Olympic-type sports;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania conducts local and
- 5 sectional events and three major Statewide events: Winter Games,
- 6 Summer Games and Fall Festival; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania volunteers ensure that
- 8 participants enjoy and have a chance to excel in training for
- 9 local, State, national and world competitions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Thousands of community and campus volunteers fulfill
- 11 essential tasks as coaches, officials, escorts and award
- 12 presenters on behalf of Special Olympics Pennsylvania; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania advances acceptance
- 14 and respect for individuals with intellectual disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes honor the
- 16 oath Eunice Kennedy Shriver introduced at the inaugural
- 17 International Special Olympics Games in Chicago on July 20,
- 18 1968:
- 19 Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the
- 20 attempt;
- 21 therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 23 month of July 2007 as "Special Olympics Pennsylvania Month"; and
- 24 be it further
- 25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 26 Special Olympics Pennsylvania, 124 Washington Square, 2570
- 27 Boulevard of the Generals, Norristown PA 19403.