
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 332 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY MUSTIO, SHAPIRO, ADOLPH, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF,
BOBACK, BRENNAN, V. BROWN, CHRISTIANA, DAY, DENLINGER,
DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, GEIST, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL,
KOTIK, MAJOR, MARSICO, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MIRABITO,
MOUL, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS,
SANTONI, SCAVELLO, M. SMITH, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH AND
MARSHALL, JUNE 7, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 7,
2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Joyce A. Bender, the CEO and founder of Bender
2 Consulting Services, Inc., for her service to the epilepsy
3 movement and the disabled community, for her service as the
4 Chair of the National Epilepsy Foundation Board of Directors
5 and as the recipient of the 2011 Hero of Epilepsy Award.

6 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender is one of the estimated 206,000
7 Pennsylvanians living with epilepsy and seizures; and

8 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender has dedicated countless and selfless
9 hours of service to the Epilepsy Foundation and the disability
10 movement; and

11 WHEREAS, May 21, 2011, marks the end of Joyce A. Bender's
12 two-year term as the Chair of the National Epilepsy Foundation
13 Board of Directors; and

14 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender has provided fearless leadership to
15 the mission of the Epilepsy Foundation, which is to lead the
16 fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome the challenges

1 created by epilepsy; and

2 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender has provided many years of support
3 and service to the Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central
4 Pennsylvania through service on its board of directors; and

5 WHEREAS, The prevention and control of epilepsy can be
6 achieved through community education and awareness programs; and

7 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has supported the creation and
8 expansion of local epilepsy support services and awareness
9 programs through Federal and State appropriations; and

10 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender is the recipient of the 2011 Hero of
11 Epilepsy Award for her work as an advocate, not only for people
12 living with epilepsy but for all people living with
13 disabilities, consulting with all levels of government and
14 industry to ensure that people with disabilities are treated
15 fairly and have every opportunity to achieve competitive
16 employment; and

17 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender is particularly involved in
18 encouraging young advocates who themselves have a variety of
19 disabilities, including epilepsy; and

20 WHEREAS, Joyce A. Bender was selected as the President's
21 Award winner by President Bill Clinton in 1999 and received the
22 2003 New Freedom Initiative Award presented by President George
23 W. Bush; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
25 14, 2011, as "Joyce A. Bender Day" in Pennsylvania to assist her
26 in her efforts to increase awareness of epilepsy and the needs
27 of Pennsylvanians who have epilepsy and seizures; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
30 Joyce A. Bender, 419 Poplar Court, Moon Township, PA 15108.