

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 21, 1999

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 1999, as "Barrier Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Four out of five Americans will experience some form  
4 of disability during their lifetimes, and there are currently 37  
5 million Americans with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, The financial and physical barriers can be overcome,  
7 but individuals with disabilities are emotionally and culturally  
8 blocked as surely and permanently as indifference will permit;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, There are no cures for many disabilities; and

1       WHEREAS, No one can really understand the full implication of  
2 living with a disability unless he or she has experienced that  
3 disability personally; and

4       WHEREAS, A pill has not been developed to dull the hurts and  
5 injustices inflicted upon individuals with disabilities due to a  
6 lack of understanding; and

7       WHEREAS, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)  
8 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327) represents a wealth of  
9 opportunities for people with disabilities in the areas of  
10 public accommodations, employment, transportation and  
11 telecommunication; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 7,  
13 1999, as "Barrier Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.