## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2011

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and achievements of Mr. Congie DeVito and
- extending condolences to that of his family, friends and
- 3 countless colleagues.
- 4 WHEREAS, Serving as a testament to hard work and dedication,
- 5 Congie DeVito managed to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds
- 6 and emerged as captain not captive of his affliction; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Congie DeVito was born on July 25, 1975; and
- 8 WHEREAS, At the tender age of four, Congie DeVito testified
- 9 before Congress regarding securing more funding to research
- 10 "osteogenesis imperfecta," commonly called "brittle bone
- 11 disease"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Congie DeVito was a graduate of Downingtown High
- 13 School in 1993 and Temple University in 1998; and
- 14 WHEREAS, His passion for horse racing, which was developed as

- 1 a result of family outings to Garden State Park, and his
- 2 doctrine of loyalty, perseverance and hard work in academia,
- 3 resulted in his subsequent employment with the renowned West
- 4 Point Thoroughbreds; and
- 5 WHEREAS, As Communications Director, Congie DeVito expertly
- 6 maintained the company's Internet website and served as the
- 7 liaison for stable partners by ensuring that they were both
- 8 educated and well informed about their investments; and
- 9 WHEREAS, As a token of West Point Thoroughbred's appreciation
- 10 for all of Congie DeVito's hard work and dedication, he was
- 11 bestowed with the distinguished honor of having a horse aptly
- 12 named "King Congie" after him; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Both the man and the thoroughbred which bears his
- 14 namesake are the epitome of determination and fortitude; and
- 15 WHEREAS, His good friend John Chaney and the athletic
- 16 department of his alma mater Temple University dedicated the
- 17 Congie DeVito Award in recognition of athletes who exemplify the
- 18 characteristics of loyalty and perseverance; and
- 19 WHEREAS, On February 16, 2011, Congie DeVito passed away at
- 20 35 years of age, leaving behind a spirit of faith and optimism
- 21 in the face of misfortune to all those who have had the
- 22 privilege of crossing his path; therefore be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
- 24 profound sorrow over the passing of Mr. Congie DeVito and extend
- 25 its heartfelt condolences to that of his family, friends and
- 26 innumerable colleagues.