
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 443 Session of
2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 15, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 20, 2017, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the amazing accomplishments of
3 Special Olympics' founder and the strong history of Special
4 Olympics in Pennsylvania and wishing the athletes, parents,
5 employees, coaches and the volunteers of Special Olympics
6 Pennsylvania good fortune in the days to come.

7 WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver was the founder of the
8 Special Olympics, empowering athletes with intellectual
9 disabilities to develop self-confidence and become leaders, so
10 that they can have a say in how individuals are treated; and

11 WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver created the first
12 international Special Olympics Games on July 20, 1968,
13 consisting of 1,000 athletes competing in three sports, track
14 and field, swimming and floor hockey; and

15 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania was founded in May
16 1970 when 135 athletes with intellectual disabilities competed
17 at a track and field event held at West Chester University; and

1 WHEREAS, Former Pennsylvania Governor Raymond Shafer marked
2 the week Special Olympics Pennsylvania was founded, May 24
3 through May 30, 1970, as "Special Olympics Week" in
4 Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Pennsylvania now serves almost
6 20,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities who participate
7 in 21 Olympic-style sports at no cost to them, their families or
8 their caregivers; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Olympics' continuing efforts to change
10 society's perspective of people with disabilities by showcasing
11 their abilities is the inspirational legacy of Eunice Kennedy
12 Shriver; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July
14 20, 2017, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in Pennsylvania in
15 honor of the amazing accomplishments of Special Olympics'
16 founder and the strong history of Special Olympics in
17 Pennsylvania and wish the athletes, parents, employees, coaches
18 and the volunteers of Special Olympics Pennsylvania good fortune
19 in the days to come.