THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 317 Session of 1986

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 18, 1986

A RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation on 1 2 the restoration of the Statue of Liberty; and creating a 3 special committee. WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on the 4 basic premise of becoming a home for the oppressed, the needy 5 6 and individuals seeking refuge for more than two centuries; and 7 WHEREAS, For these past years America has been a land of 8 faith and religious tolerance for those seeking freedom and a better life. Many families have come to the United States full 9 of apprehension and fear, but clinging to a greater hope. The 10 11 land of liberty held promise for those most in need of 12 salvation; and WHEREAS, These travelers hoping to forge a new life in 13 14 America were warmly greeted by the Statue of Liberty, a symbol

15 of freedom, and a gift of friendship. This friendship was firmly

established with France long before the Statue was given, but
she came to become an even greater representative to those from
countries far and wide; and

4 WHEREAS, All are welcomed in America, not only French and 5 English, but also Polish, German, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Irish, Italian and other refugees from nations great 6 7 and small. The Lady Liberty has held immense meaning for those who have sailed to our shore for one hundred years; and 8 WHEREAS, The Lady has now been restored to her original 9 10 beauty, readied to welcome new generations of families aspiring 11 to a better life, and prepared to light the way for hope and freedom; she will be celebrated for her contribution of a 12 13 century of confidence on the day most fitting her presence, Independence Day, July 4, 1986; therefore be it 14 15 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives 16 appoint a special committee of four Representatives to present 17 this resolution, along with our heartiest congratulations, to 18 Mr. Lee Iacocca, Chairman of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island

19 Foundation.

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