## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 2, 1997

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the efforts of the Pittsburgh Coalition to Counter
- 2 Hate Groups.
- 3 WHEREAS, There is a proliferation of hate groups in this
- 4 country; and
- 5 WHEREAS, This is also true in this Commonwealth; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Ku Klux Klan has actually scheduled a rally in
- 7 Pittsburgh; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Coalition to Counter Hate Groups is
- 9 opposing the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The Coaltion is committed to mobilize the community
- 11 to reject hatred and bigotry and espouse tolerance, to provide
- 12 technical and organizational assistance to community-based
- 13 organizations and individuals responding to hate-motivated
- 14 incidents, to educate the public about the extent of the problem
- 15 and possible solutions, to improve victim assistance, to network
- 16 with law enforcement and other antihate organizations in unity

- 1 for social justice, to monitor hate-group activity and crimes in
- 2 the greater Pittsburgh area, and to develop a positive tone in
- 3 the community about appreciating cultural and ethnic
- 4 differences; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Coalition is sponsoring a community rally in
- 6 Market Square on April 5, 1997, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., to
- 7 celebrate its declared goals; therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
- 9 Pittsburgh Coalition to Counter Hate Groups on its efforts to
- 10 combat and destroy hatred, bigotry and prejudice; and be it
- 11 further
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
- 13 5, 1997, as "Unity Day" in this Commonwealth; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 15 the Coalition.