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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 917 Session of  
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J. WHITE, OCTOBER 2, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 2, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 15, 2008, as "White Cane Safety Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The white cane symbolizes the ability of every blind  
4 or visually impaired citizen of this Commonwealth to achieve a  
5 full and independent life; and

6 WHEREAS, The white cane allows every blind or visually  
7 impaired person to move freely and safely from place to place  
8 and without it such travel would be difficult and dangerous; and

9 WHEREAS, The white cane serves as a tangible reminder that  
10 those who are blind or visually impaired are self-sufficient,  
11 mobile and capable of participating in the life of their  
12 communities and contributing to the success of our society; and

13 WHEREAS, In the first white cane proclamation issued in 1964,  
14 President Lyndon B. Johnson commended blind and visually

1 impaired individuals for their growing spirit of independence  
2 and their increased determination to be self-reliant and  
3 dignified; and

4 WHEREAS, President Johnson also said that in our society the  
5 white cane has become a unique symbol of a blind or visually  
6 impaired person's ability to come and go independently and its  
7 use has promoted courtesy and opportunity for mobility of people  
8 who are blind on our streets and highways; and

9 WHEREAS, The white cane reminds us that when approaching a  
10 blind or visually impaired person, we should always exercise  
11 appropriate caution, especially if operating an automobile;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
14 15, 2008, as "White Cane Safety Day" in Pennsylvania.