

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 24, 2010, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a leading advocate for the  
4 rights of people with intellectual disabilities, founded the  
5 Special Olympics and was a long-time supporter of Best Buddies;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Special Olympics began in 1962 at the home of  
8 Eunice Kennedy Shriver as a summer day camp for children and  
9 adults with intellectual disabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, One thousand individuals with intellectual  
11 disabilities participated in the First International Special  
12 Olympics Summer Games, held in 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago,  
13 Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, The Special Olympics has become a worldwide movement  
15 that currently serves approximately 3 million intellectually  
16 disabled individuals in more than 170 countries; and

17 WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver dedicated her life to opening  
18 the minds of people around the world to the attributes of

1 individuals with intellectual disabilities and selflessly  
2 donated her time and talent to work and advocate on their  
3 behalf; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania will participate in the first annual  
5 Global Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day, to celebrate her life and her  
6 global call to action for all people to actively include and  
7 accept the intellectually disabled; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
9 September 24, 2010, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in  
10 Pennsylvania; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, The all Pennsylvanians are hereby encouraged to  
12 participate with the Special Olympics program that serves  
13 intellectually disabled individuals in their communities.