

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 513 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, FABRIZIO, HARHART, HENNESSEY, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MIRABITO, MOUL, O'NEILL, READSHAW, SANTONI, STABACK, THOMAS AND YOUNGBLOOD, DECEMBER 5, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 5, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Cassie James Holdsworth, the Director of National  
2 Advocacy and Policy for Liberty Resources, Inc., for her  
3 service to the disabled community, for her tireless advocacy  
4 for the rights of persons with disabilities and for her  
5 strength in overcoming the obstacles and challenges of her  
6 disabilities while fulfilling her duties as an American  
7 citizen by exercising her First Amendment rights.

8 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth has overcome disabilities  
9 and challenges to serve the disabled community and fulfill her  
10 duties as an American citizen by exercising her First Amendment  
11 right to peacefully demonstrate and speak out on behalf of the  
12 estimated 1.7 million Pennsylvanians living with a disability;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth devotes countless hours to  
15 ensuring the rights of the disabled and their equal access to  
16 all aspects of life in our community through her service as  
17 Director of National Advocacy and Policy for Liberty Resources,  
18 Inc., the Philadelphia Center for Independent Living; and

19 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth provides fearless leadership

1 to carrying out the mission of Liberty Resources, Inc., which  
2 advocates and promotes independent living for persons with  
3 disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth tirelessly serves as  
5 spokeswoman for ADAPT, and recently traveled to Washington, DC,  
6 to discuss Medicaid reform with the United States Senate, and  
7 advocate for important public funding for state programs that  
8 pay for community-based support, without which the ability of  
9 persons with disabilities to live independently would be  
10 impeded; and

11 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth dedicates her time to  
12 serving the Disabled in Action of Pennsylvania, Inc., whose  
13 mission states:

14 *"We have a Dream that one day we will not be locked up in*  
15 *institutions and we will have a real choice to live in our*  
16 *own homes versus institutions. We want to be seen as human*  
17 *beings with equal voice, not as objects of pity or disgust or*  
18 *as inspirational. We want full accessibility to society; to*  
19 *live in the community, ride transportation, live in*  
20 *integrated housing, employment, integrated education and*  
21 *family life."*

22 ; and

23 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth consults with all levels of  
24 government and industry to guarantee that people with  
25 disabilities are treated fairly and have every opportunity to  
26 achieve productive lives; and

27 WHEREAS, Cassie James Holdsworth works as a promoter for all  
28 people living with disabilities and is particularly involved in  
29 encouraging advocates who themselves have a variety of  
30 disabilities; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Cassie  
2 James Holdsworth in recognition of her activities to increase  
3 awareness of people with disabilities and the rights and needs  
4 of Pennsylvanians who have disabilities; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
6 Cassie James Holdsworth, 714 Market Street, Suite 100,  
7 Philadelphia, PA 19106.