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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, BAKER, GREENLEAF,  
FONTANA, ARGALL, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, PILEGGI,  
SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, COSTA,  
SCHWANK, VOGEL, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, MENSCH, HAYWOOD  
AND WARD, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Americans with  
2 Disabilities Act on July 26, 2015.

3 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed  
4 into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H. W. Bush; and

5 WHEREAS, The ADA is one of America's most important pieces of  
6 legislation prohibiting discrimination; and

7 WHEREAS, The purpose of the ADA is to ensure that people with  
8 disabilities enjoy the same rights and opportunities as everyone  
9 else; and

10 WHEREAS, The ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals  
11 with disabilities in all areas of public life; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2013, an estimated 12.8% of all Americans  
13 reported having a disability; and

14 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, that number increased to an  
15 estimated 13.4%; and

16 WHEREAS, Of those estimated 12.8% of Americans with a

1 disability, an estimated 34.5% were employed in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, the number of employed individuals  
3 with a disability decreased to an estimated 33.6%; and

4 WHEREAS, Of those individuals with a disability in  
5 Pennsylvania, an estimated 29.8% were living below the poverty  
6 line in 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite the significant benefits of the ADA, the  
8 high rates of unemployment and individuals living below the  
9 poverty line demonstrate that significant barriers still exist  
10 for people living with disabilities; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 25th anniversary of  
12 the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 2015.