A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for trial by jury and
3 waiver of this right.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:
8 That Article I, section 6, be amended to read:
9 § 6. Trial by jury.

10 Trial by jury shall be as heretofore, and the right thereof
11 remain inviolate. The General Assembly may provide, however, by
12 law, that a verdict may be rendered by not less than five-sixths
13 of the jury in any civil case. Furthermore, in criminal cases
14 the accused may waive the right to a jury trial only with the
15 consent of the Commonwealth.

16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.