(This Joint Resolution No.2 was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1984 as Joint Resolution No.1 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1985.)

No. 1985-2

A JOINT RESOLUTION

SB 680

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a tax exemption to surviving spouses of certain veterans.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 2(c) of Article VIII be amended to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

* * *

(c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged and were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt from the payment of all real property taxes upon the residence occupied by the said citizens and residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its political subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they are blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100% permanent disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission determines that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions granted herein. ***This exemption shall be extended to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran provided that the State Veterans' Commission determines that such person is in need of the exemption.***

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the primary, general or municipal election next held after the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.