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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the deep sadness of the Senate of Pennsylvania at the  
2 death of George I. Bloom, a good friend and respected  
3 politician.

4 WHEREAS, On February 3, 1991, George I. Bloom, one of  
5 Pennsylvania's political legends, died at the age of 92; and

6 WHEREAS, George I. Bloom voted in every election since 1919,  
7 a fact of which he was very proud; and

8 WHEREAS, His love for politics developed early when, at the  
9 age of 13, he distributed handbills for local candidates in his  
10 native Washington County; and

11 WHEREAS, He served as secretary to Governor Edward Martin and  
12 then accompanied him to the United States Senate as his chief of  
13 staff; and

14 WHEREAS, He became Secretary of the Commonwealth under  
15 Governor William Scranton; and

16 WHEREAS, He was appointed to the Pennsylvania Public Utility  
17 Commission where he served as chairman for ten years; and

1       WHEREAS, George I. Bloom was known as "Mr. Republican" for  
2 his dedication to and hard work for the Republican party,  
3 including over 50 years as a member of the Republican State  
4 Committee with over six years as chairman; and

5       WHEREAS, On March 26, 1977, he was named Honorary Chairman of  
6 the Republican State Committee and is enshrined in the  
7 Pennsylvania GOP Hall of Fame; and

8       WHEREAS, George I. Bloom had the respect and friendship of  
9 many persons in both political parties; and

10       WHEREAS, George I. Bloom was a compassionate man who was  
11 always ready to take time to help people, to listen, give advice  
12 and do whatever he could, an approach that brought him many  
13 friends, some powerful and some not-so-powerful, from all around  
14 the State; and

15       WHEREAS, George I. Bloom had close ties with the Senate of  
16 Pennsylvania. A Senate seat was the only publicly elected office  
17 that he ever sought when he ran for the Washington County seat  
18 in 1938 and was narrowly defeated. He had many good friends in  
19 the Senate from both sides of the aisle. In 1988, on the  
20 occasion of his 90th birthday, the Senate held a ceremony  
21 honoring him which he and his wife, Luella, attended; therefore  
22 be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate express its deep sadness at the  
24 death of George I. Bloom, a good friend and respected  
25 politician, and direct that copies of this resolution sponsored  
26 by Senators Robert C. Jubelirer, John D. Hopper, J. Barry Stout  
27 and John J. Shumaker, on behalf of the Senate be transmitted to  
28 his niece, Carol Sue Kaminsky.