
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 394 Session of
1994

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CLYMER, PETTIT, KENNEY, FICHTER AND BAKER, OCTOBER 4, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 4, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Mayor and the City Council of Philadelphia to take
2 the steps necessary to designate the Criminal Justice Center
3 in the City of Philadelphia as the Justice James T. McDermott
4 Judicial Center.

5 WHEREAS, The Honorable Justice James T. McDermott served the
6 City and County of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of
7 Pennsylvania with distinction and integrity; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice McDermott was born September 22, 1926, and
9 attended St. Joseph's University and Temple University School of
10 Law, graduating in 1947 and 1950 respectively; and

11 WHEREAS, Justice McDermott, throughout his distinguished
12 legal career, served on the faculty at St. Joseph's University
13 and in the American Institute of Banking, held various posts in
14 the Pennsylvania Bar Association and was involved in many civic,
15 ethnic heritage, educational and religious organizations and
16 activities; and

17 WHEREAS, He was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas of the

1 County of Philadelphia in 1965 and was subsequently elected on
2 November 3, 1981, as a Justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme
3 Court, where he served until his death on June 21, 1992; and

4 WHEREAS, Justice McDermott continued to distinguish himself
5 and serve his community above and beyond his appointed and
6 elected judicial offices, serving on the Board of Judges and on
7 the City Charter Revision Committee, holding several positions
8 in the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Association and, most
9 notably, serving as chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, As testimony of his outstanding, distinguished
12 service to the City and County of Philadelphia, and to the
13 Commonwealth, a majority of his judicial brethren on the Court
14 of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District have requested
15 that the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia be named in his
16 honor; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Mayor
18 and City Council of the City of Philadelphia to take the steps
19 necessary to designate the Criminal Justice Center in the City
20 of Philadelphia as the James T. McDermott Judicial Center.