

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DONATUCCI, JANUARY 31, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 31, 1995

## 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.