
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DERMODY AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the passing of
2 Alan Rosenthal, who died on July 10, 2013.

3 WHEREAS, Alan Rosenthal, who was a member of the Eagleton
4 Institute of Politics at Rutgers University and had dedicated
5 his life to the study of political science and legislatures,
6 died on July 10, 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, Alan Rosenthal was born on March 18, 1932, in
8 Manhattan and later graduated from Harvard University in 1953
9 before earning his master of public administration in 1958 and
10 his Ph.D. in 1961 from Princeton University; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1966, Professor Rosenthal became a faculty member
12 at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University,
13 where he would serve as director from 1974 until 1994 and
14 establish the Eagleton's Center for State Legislative Research
15 and Service; and

16 WHEREAS, He won numerous awards for his dedication to the

1 field and authored more than a dozen books and numerous other
2 papers to help improve the legislative process; and

3 WHEREAS, He was active in helping reform legislative systems
4 around the country, empowering legislative bodies which had
5 become dependent on executive branches, and also a key member on
6 multiple commissions in New Jersey; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2011, Professor Rosenthal was a featured speaker
8 at a symposium for members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly
9 at the State Museum, where he discussed the history of the
10 General Assembly and the roles the legislators must balance; and

11 WHEREAS, Professor Rosenthal continued to pursue the study
12 and reform of legislatures nationwide until his death at 81
13 years of age from cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, Professor Rosenthal is survived by his wife, Lynda
15 Kresge, two sons, John and Tony, two daughters, Kai and Lisa,
16 stepson, Nicholas, and eight grandchildren; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
18 and express condolences upon the death of Alan Rosenthal, who
19 will be remembered for his dedication to political science and
20 legislatures; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the family of Alan Rosenthal and to the Eagleton Institute of
23 Politics at Rutgers University.