
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 167 Session of
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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Amtrak to comply with H.R. 4838 and immediately rename
2 the 30th Street Station as the "William H. Gray III 30th
3 Street Station."

4 WHEREAS, William H. Gray III represented Pennsylvania's
5 second congressional district in the United States House of
6 Representatives from 1979 until 1991; and

7 WHEREAS, Congressman William H. Gray III was and remains the
8 highest ranking member of the Pennsylvania delegation to serve
9 in Congress as Chairman of the House Budget Committee from 1985
10 until 1989 and House Majority Whip from 1989 until 1991; and

11 WHEREAS, Congressman Gray as Chairman of the House Budget
12 Committee and House Majority Whip was a strong advocate for
13 funding for infrastructure and public services; and

14 WHEREAS, Congressman Gray was a key voice in preventing the
15 elimination of funding for Amtrak and instrumental in securing
16 funding for the first major restoration of the 30th Street
17 Station; and

18 WHEREAS, Congressman Gray resigned from Congress in 1991 to
19 become the president and chief executive officer of the United

1 Negro College Fund; and

2 WHEREAS, William H. Gray III served the United Negro College
3 Fund through 2004, raising more than \$2.3 billion during his
4 tenure; and

5 WHEREAS, In June 2012, the Senate and House of
6 Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honored
7 William H Gray III for his dedicated service to the Commonwealth
8 of Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia and the residents of
9 the second Congressional district; and

10 WHEREAS, William H. Gray III died July 1, 2013, at 71 years
11 of age; and

12 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2014, the Congress of the United
13 States, in commemoration of Congressman Gray's lifelong service
14 and commitment to the City of Philadelphia, unanimously approved
15 H.R. 4838, renaming the Amtrak railroad station located in
16 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street
17 Station" as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station"; and

18 WHEREAS, In August 2014, the President of the United States
19 signed H.R. 4838 into law; and

20 WHEREAS, Amtrak is a federally chartered corporation with the
21 Federal Government as majority stockholder and operates
22 intercity passenger rail services in 46 states and the District
23 of Columbia; and

24 WHEREAS, The Federal Government is the primary source of
25 public funding of Amtrak, while Amtrak also receives state
26 funding from 18 states under operating agreements or legislative
27 appropriations; and

28 WHEREAS, In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the General Assembly
29 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved an appropriation of
30 \$14.5 million to Amtrak through the Department of Transportation

1 for operation of two routes, Harrisburg to Philadelphia and
2 Philadelphia to Pittsburgh; and

3 WHEREAS, The "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station" is the
4 third busiest Amtrak station, with an average of more than
5 11,000 passengers a day; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the desire and direction of Congress and the
7 President of the United States under Public Law 113-158, enacted
8 three years ago, Amtrak has failed to re-name the 30th Street
9 Station; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 express its desire that Amtrak comply with H.R. 4838 and
12 immediately rename the 30th Street Station as the "William H.
13 Gray III 30th Street Station"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 Amtrak Corporate Headquarters, 60 Massachusetts Avenue NE,
16 Washington DC 20002.