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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 389 Session of 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of the Honorable T. Milton  
2 Street, Sr., and expressing condolences on his passing.

3 WHEREAS, The Honorable T. Milton Street, Sr., a former member  
4 of the Senate of Pennsylvania who represented the 3rd Senatorial  
5 District, passed away on November 28, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Milton Street, Sr., better known as T. Milton  
7 Street, Sr., was born April 25, 1939, in Norristown and attended  
8 Conshohocken High School, where his passion for sports and  
9 learning fueled the start of his work and drive throughout the  
10 rest of his life; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Street attended Oakwood University (then  
12 Oakwood College) in Huntsville, Alabama, and then returned to  
13 Philadelphia and became a youth leader and organizer in the  
14 Ebenezer SDA Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Street's unselfish efforts on behalf of the  
16 Ebenezer SDA Church led to his passion for the community and the  
17 people of the City of Philadelphia; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Street's untiring pursuit for economic

1 equality led to his election to the House of Representatives, in  
2 which he served from 1979 to 1980, and to his election to the  
3 Senate in 1980, where he served until 1984; and

4 WHEREAS, While in the Senate, Senator Street became chair of  
5 the Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, vice chair of the  
6 Community and Economic Development Committee and served as a  
7 member of the Finance Committee and the Law and Justice  
8 Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Street made political power accessible to  
10 small businesses, people of color, the homeless and working  
11 families that had long been deprived of housing and equal  
12 opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Street fought to break down barriers and  
14 visualized ways that government could work for everyday people  
15 by enacting change through policy regardless of political  
16 affiliation; and

17 WHEREAS, As a legislator, Senator Street's public policies  
18 were decades before their time, advocating for socioeconomic  
19 causes, including gaming, funding seniors through the lottery  
20 and the legalization of cannabis; and

21 WHEREAS, After serving in the Senate, Senator Street remained  
22 a fighter for the poor and dreamed of ending the violence that  
23 plagues the City of Philadelphia; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Street was married to the late Zella Stacey  
25 Fordham and they had three children, Rene Street Toppin, T.  
26 Milton Street, Jr., and Kevin LaMar Street; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of  
28 the Honorable T. Milton Street, Sr., and express heartfelt  
29 condolences to his family.