
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 618 Session of
2010

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PALLONE, PARKER, SAINATO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SWANGER,
VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 3, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Garland H. Lipscomb, United States Department of
2 Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service Retired
3 Pennsylvania State Soil Scientist.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garland H. Lipscomb has earned recognition for
5 his contributions to soil science in this Commonwealth,
6 including soil surveys of Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Luzerne,
7 Mifflin, Monroe and Perry Counties; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1981 Mr. Lipscomb became the first African-
9 American State Soil Scientist in the history of the United
10 States Soil Survey upon his appointment as Pennsylvania State
11 Soil Scientist; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lipscomb's early experiences on a farm near
13 Farmville, Virginia, prepared him well for his experiences at
14 Virginia State College and his highly productive career; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Lipscomb pursued undergraduate studies in
16 agriculture and then agronomy, specializing in soil science; and

1 WHEREAS, After his 1963 graduation Mr. Lipscomb worked
2 briefly in eastern Montana as part of a mobile team for the
3 Bureau of Recreation of the United States Department of the
4 Interior; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lipscomb began working on soil surveys and soil
6 survey publications in this Commonwealth in December 1964, when
7 he joined the Dauphin County work unit of the Soil Conservation
8 Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lipscomb moved to the Cumberland County unit in
10 June 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, From February 1966 through the 1974 survey
12 completion, Mr. Lipscomb was Party Leader for the Monroe County
13 unit; and

14 WHEREAS, Joining the State Office as Assistant State Soil
15 Scientist in July 1974, Mr. Lipscomb assisted with field program
16 appraisals and contributed to or managed soil survey
17 manuscripts; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Lipscomb served as State Soil Scientist from
19 1981 until his retirement in March 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout his career Mr. Lipscomb worked
21 cooperatively with the College of Agricultural Sciences of The
22 Pennsylvania State University, the Department of Environmental
23 Resources, the Department of Agriculture and the State
24 Conservation Commission; and

25 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives respectfully honors Mr.
26 Lipscomb's status as the first African-American Soil Scientist
27 in our nation and expresses sincere gratitude for his
28 distinguished work on behalf of our Commonwealth; therefore be
29 it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Garland

1 H. Lipscomb, United States Department of Agriculture-Natural
2 Resources Conservation Service Retired Pennsylvania State Soil
3 Scientist; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
5 Garland H. Lipscomb at 1805 Eastfield Road, Harrisburg PA 17112.