

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 949 Session of
2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and public service of civic leader Charles W.
2 Bowser and expressing condolences upon his death.

3 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to
4 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of
5 Charles W. Bowser who passed away at the age of 79 on August 9,
6 2010; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser graduated from Central High School of
8 Philadelphia in 1948, and went on to attend Temple University
9 where he received a bachelor of science in journalism in 1952
10 and a juris doctorate in 1957; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser was a dynamic civic leader, holding many
12 positions as a pillar of the community, including Philadelphia
13 city councilman, president of the Philadelphia Urban League and
14 the first African-American Deputy Mayor in Philadelphia's

1 history; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser was an unyielding public servant who ran
3 two campaigns for mayor, inspiring a future generation of
4 African-American political leaders and blazing the trail for
5 those with the notion that public office was unachievable and
6 proved to voters that their voices united could be heard; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser, a brilliant lawyer and political
8 strategist for almost 40 years, mentored and encouraged
9 virtually every major African-American elected official from
10 Philadelphia in the last 25 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his lifetime, Mr. Bowser received
12 numerous accolades including the "Man of the Year Award" from
13 the Association of Black Journalists, the Philadelphia NAACP
14 "Exceptional Civil Rights Service Award," the "Humanitarian
15 Award" presented by the International Humanitarian Award
16 Committee and many more; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser was an outspoken voice for equity, social
18 justice, fairness and democracy, making it his lifelong mission
19 to move a reform agenda encompassing all; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser generously gave his heart and time to
21 enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Philadelphia and
22 the vicinity, and his legacy will be forever remembered by the
23 many individuals who admired, loved and benefited from his many
24 contributions; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowser is survived by his children, Charles
26 Bowser, Jr., and Leslie Bowser Hope; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
28 sadness upon the passing of Charles W. Bowser and offer its
29 condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 his children, Charles Bowser, Jr., and Leslie Bowser Hope.