

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
26, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Kathy Sledge for her steadfast commitment to community  
2 service through her active participation in organizations  
3 seeking to improve the lives of children in this Commonwealth  
4 and abroad.

5 WHEREAS, Kathy Sledge is a Philadelphia native, born the  
6 youngest of five girls to parents Edwin and Florez Sledge; and

7 WHEREAS, At the young age of six, Ms. Sledge began singing  
8 with her older sisters and continued to share her gift of song  
9 as she became the lead vocalist of the musical group Sister

10 Sledge; and

11 WHEREAS, Sister Sledge recorded several international hits  
12 that quickly soared to the number one spot on the UK charts and  
13 other popular music charts, and the group also received the  
14 coveted Silver Award at the Tokyo Music Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, Sister Sledge's most popular song was "We Are  
16 Family," which earned a Grammy nomination and was later inducted  
17 into the Grammy Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, "We Are Family," was voted the number two biggest record of all time; and

WHEREAS, Whether performing with Sister Sledge or solo, Ms. Sledge has a unique ability to draw people together making everyone realize that "We Are Family"; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Ms. Sledge founded the "Love Will Project"; and

WHEREAS, The "Love Will Project" films acts of altruism that will restore, rebuild and renew lives around the world, bringing celebrities together and assisting those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sledge believes love makes all the difference in the education of children across our nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The "Love Will Project" began in Elkins Park Middle School in Elkins Park through Ms. Sledge's "What Family Means to Me" program; and

WHEREAS, "What Family Means to Me" is a program encouraging youth within our educational system to gain an appreciation of the arts at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Later, the "Love Will Project" expanded its reach by restoring the Cobbs Cross Primary School Library in Antigua, an island in the West Indies; and

WHEREAS, As a result of her participation in the "Love Will Project," Ms. Sledge was named Goodwill Ambassador for Antigua and Barbuda; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sledge is the honorary spokesperson for the "1,000 Women for 1,000 Girls" mentorship campaign; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sledge serves on the board of directors of the We Are Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Sledge founded the "We Are Family

1 Day" as a day for students to celebrate their academic  
2 achievements, build their spirits and discuss ways that they can  
3 contribute to an environment where all students are successful;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, "We Are Family Day" was launched at Elkins Park  
6 Middle School in Elkins Park; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Sledge received an honorary doctorate from the  
8 Metropolitan College of New York for her outstanding musical  
9 achievements; and

10 WHEREAS, In December 2011, Ms. Sledge received the David P.  
11 Richardson, Jr., Nation Builder Award by the National Black  
12 Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) in Chicago, Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Giving unselfishly of her time and talents to  
14 enhance the lives of children by improving their educational  
15 experience, Ms. Sledge is assisting in creating a solid  
16 foundation in children's lives, a solid foundation will lead to  
17 developing our nation's next great leaders who are globally  
18 engaged and culturally astute; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate  
20 Kathy Sledge on her philanthropic endeavors assisting children  
21 in this Commonwealth and those abroad by sharing the arts and  
22 highlighting the importance of education.