
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 928 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, KIRKLAND, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, MCGEEHAN,
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MAHONEY, GODSHALL, MIRABITO, KIM, McNEILL, GOODMAN, McCARTER,
MURT, D. COSTA, GINGRICH AND FLECK, JUNE 27, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 27, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the public service contributions and civil rights
2 activism of Thelma Lovette, and extending condolences to her
3 family.

4 WHEREAS, Civil rights activist Thelma Lovette passed away on
5 Saturday, May 24, 2014, at 98 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Lovette graduated from Schenley High School and
7 earned degrees from the University of Pittsburgh; and

8 WHEREAS, She was the first African-American social worker at
9 Pittsburgh's Mercy Hospital, where she retired 15 years later as
10 the supervisor of social workers; and

11 WHEREAS, Her advocacy for the Hill District through
12 membership on the Pittsburgh Planning Commission, the board of
13 the Hill Community Development Corporation and the local YMCA's
14 Board of Management, where she was the first woman to serve, was
15 felt throughout Pittsburgh; and

16 WHEREAS, She helped organize marches and events in Pittsburgh

1 during the Civil Rights Movement and took part in the 1963 March
2 on Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, For 35 years, she served as a Democratic
4 Committeewoman from Pittsburgh's Fifth Ward; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1996, she ran as an Olympic torchbearer for
6 Pennsylvania during the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, The Thelma Lovette YMCA of Pittsburgh is named in
8 her honor; and

9 WHEREAS, Thelma Lovette was loved and admired by the
10 residents of the Hill District and by the City of Pittsburgh;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the public
13 service contributions and civil rights activism of Thelma
14 Lovette and extend condolences to her family.