

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1030 Session of
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of Tony Auth, a resident of
2 Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, William Anthony "Tony" Auth, a resident of
4 Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, and a beloved cartoonist, died on
5 September 14, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Auth joined the staff of the Philadelphia
7 Inquirer in 1971, becoming the face of the editorial page and
8 establishing a career as an editorial cartoonist that spanned
9 over 41 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Auth rendered thousands of cartoons, stimulating
11 reaction and discussion on important political and cultural
12 issues of the day; and

13 WHEREAS, Often in the position of having to address the worst
14 of leaders and citizens in his drawings, Mr. Auth nevertheless
15 portrayed his subjects with a sense of hope, conveying the

1 belief that we can all do better; and

2 WHEREAS, Displaying a passion for standing up to those in
3 power, including presidents and Philadelphia mayors, Mr. Auth
4 championed and became a voice for the powerless; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Auth became well known for undertaking
6 exhaustive research on his subjects and the issues of the day,
7 which served to inform his work; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Auth's ability to imbue his drawings with great
9 humanity and compassion distinguished him as an artist; and

10 WHEREAS, Defining the soul and crusading spirit of the
11 Inquirer, Mr. Auth's love of politics aided him in establishing
12 a distinctive delivery that garnered a nationwide readership
13 through syndication; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite his fame and a demanding schedule that
15 included the completion of five cartoons per week, Mr. Auth
16 never missed an opportunity to act as a mentor to other
17 cartoonists; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Auth was recognized during the span of his
19 career with the Pulitzer Prize, Thomas Nast Prize, Herblock
20 Prize, five Overseas Press Club Awards and the Sigma Delta Chi
21 Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
23 and legacy of Tony Auth on the occasion of his passing,
24 September 14, 2014.