

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 749 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GAINNEY, BIZZARRO, KINSEY, PASHINSKI, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD, MURT, O'NEILL, A. DAVIS, BURNS, DRISCOLL, FRANKEL, NEILSON, CALTAGIRONE, KIRKLAND AND MARSICO, MARCH 12, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Urban League of
 2 Greater Pittsburgh and honoring it for a century of community
 3 service.

4 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh was
 5 established in 1918 to assist African-American members of the
 6 community in raising themselves out of poverty; and

7 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh has operated
 8 a nationally recognized guild since 1954 that raises funds for
 9 the organization's programs and completes various community
 10 service activities; and

11 WHEREAS, The organization has continued to empower the
 12 community and promote racial equality through programs designed
 13 to assist members of the community in times of need; and

14 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's president,
 15 Esther L. Bush, has served this Commonwealth in Governor-
 16 appointed positions on the Pennsylvania State Board of
 17 Education, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency,

1 Criminal Justice and Community Relations Taskforce and was 1 of
2 10 Americans recognized by the White House for her service
3 through Champions of Change in the Educational Excellence for
4 African Americans program; and

5 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh provides
6 classes and activities for families to promote healthy growth
7 and development for children as well as support for parents; and

8 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh promotes
9 leadership and scholarship among African-American children,
10 sponsoring leadership programs for teens and free academic
11 programs to encourage young students to explore STEM fields; and

12 WHEREAS, The organization has worked to improve the high
13 school graduation rate in the Greater Pittsburgh area and
14 encourage and assist students in applying to postsecondary
15 education programs; and

16 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh supports
17 impoverished seniors by providing them with free job training
18 and placement for in-demand jobs and pays the employee's salary
19 or wages for a period of time if necessary; and

20 WHEREAS, The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh provides
21 financial education, credit counseling, rental assistance and
22 banking services in order to promote financial stability and
23 break the cycle of poverty; and

24 WHEREAS, For a century the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
25 has continued to be guided by its founding principles of
26 enabling African Americans to secure economic self-reliance,
27 parity and power and civil rights, as well as ensuring social,
28 political and economic justice for all Americans; therefore be
29 it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the

1 100th anniversary of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and
2 honor the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh for a century of
3 service to underprivileged members of the community.