

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 226 Session of 2009

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K. SMITH, SONNEY, VULAKOVICH, WALKO AND WATERS, APRIL 8, 2009

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8, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and contributions of Dr. John Hope Franklin.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. John Hope Franklin was born in 1915 in an

3 African-American community in Rentiesville, Oklahoma; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin died on March 25, 2009, at 94 years of  
5 age from congestive heart failure; and

6 WHEREAS, During his 70-year career, Dr. Franklin served as a  
7 civil rights pioneer, educator and scholar; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin worked with Dr. Martin Luther King,  
9 Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall and many other civil  
10 rights pioneers; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1954, Dr. Franklin's scholarly research aided  
12 Thurgood Marshall and helped win the pivotal Supreme Court Case,  
13 Brown v. Board of Education, which found the "separate but  
14 equal" doctrine to be unconstitutional in public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin was granted this nation's highest

1 civilian honor in 1995 when President William Jefferson Clinton  
2 awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, "From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African  
4 Americans" was Dr. Franklin's most significant work and  
5 influenced the teaching and research regarding slavery and  
6 reconstruction; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin taught at some of the finest  
8 institutions of higher learning in the world, including  
9 Cambridge University in England, Harvard University, Cornell  
10 University, the University of California Berkeley, the  
11 University of Chicago and Duke University; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
13 and contributions of Dr. John Hope Franklin.