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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PARKER, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, THOMAS,  
VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements and contributions the Honorable  
2 Crystal Bird Fauset made during her lifetime to the General  
3 Assembly and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Crystal Bird Fauset, born on October  
5 15, 1894, was a graduate of Boston public schools and earned a  
6 bachelor's degree from Columbia University's Teachers College;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Fauset was a social worker for the YWCA in New  
9 York and Philadelphia and was named Executive Secretary for the  
10 Institute for Race Relations at Swarthmore College in 1933; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Fauset was elected to the Pennsylvania House of  
12 Representatives in 1938, thereby becoming the first African-  
13 American woman to be elected to a state legislature in the  
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Fauset later became Assistant Director for the  
16 Works Progress Administration in Pennsylvania and served as a

1 race relations advisor to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and New  
2 York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Fauset was chairperson of the Philadelphia Negro  
4 Woman's Democratic League and a member of the board of trustees  
5 of Cheyney State Teachers College and the board of directors of  
6 the Small Business Opportunities Corporation of Philadelphia;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Fauset died on March 27, 1965; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and  
10 commemorate the lifetime of service and achievement of the  
11 Honorable Crystal Bird Fauset.