
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 188 Session of
2007

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SIPTROTH, APRIL 13, 2007

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of actor Jack Palance, native
2 of Lattimer, Luzerne County, and expressing condolences on
3 his passing.

4 WHEREAS, Jack Palance was born on February 18, 1919, in
5 Lattimer, Luzerne County, to Ukrainian-born parents; and

6 WHEREAS, As a youth, Mr. Palance worked in the Lattimer coal
7 mines on the outskirts of Hazleton, following in the footsteps
8 of his father; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance's athletic build earned him a football
10 scholarship to the University of North Carolina, but he cut
11 short his college years to pursue a professional heavyweight
12 boxing career; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance won his first 15 fights; and

1 WHEREAS, With the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Palance's
2 boxing career ended and his military career began; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance valiantly served his country in the
4 United States Air Force as a bomber pilot until he was wounded
5 in combat; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance was honorably discharged from military
7 service and promptly returned to Stanford University, studying
8 journalism and then drama as his interest in acting gained
9 momentum; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance won his first movie role in "Panic in
11 the Streets" in 1950, playing a fugitive carrying the bubonic
12 plague; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance garnered Academy Award nominations for
14 his roles in "Sudden Fear" (1952) and Shane (1953); and

15 WHEREAS, In 1957 Mr. Palance won the Emmy for Best Single
16 Performance by an Actor for his work in "Requiem for a
17 Heavyweight"; and

18 WHEREAS, In the 1960s and 1970s Mr. Palance had roles in
19 numerous westerns and war epics in Europe and played the villain
20 in such movies as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "Dracula"; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1992 Mr. Palance won the Academy Award for Best
22 Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role for his memorable
23 portrayal of a seemingly villainous but loveable cowboy named
24 Curly in "City Slickers"; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance is survived by two of his three
26 children, Holly and Brooke, and his wife, Elaine Rogers Palance;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance always displayed pride in his
29 Pennsylvania roots and returned to his farmhouse in Lattimer
30 before his death; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Palance's accomplishments will be remembered in
2 this Commonwealth and around the world; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives note with deep
4 sadness the passing of Jack Palance and extend heartfelt
5 condolences to his family.