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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 526 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BLACKWELL, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, DIGIROLAMO, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, MANDERINO, MANTZ, MCGEEHAN, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MOYER, MURT, PALLONE, PARKER, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROAE, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, K. SMITH, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, PETRONE, KULA AND SIPTROTH, DECEMBER 6, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
DECEMBER 6, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Noting with sadness the passing of Philadelphia Common Pleas  
2 Court Judge Lisa Aversa Richette, senior Family Court judge  
3 and longtime child welfare and juvenile justice champion, on  
4 October 26, 2007, at 79 years of age.

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Richette was a founder of the nonprofit Child  
6 Abuse Prevention Effort and a Pearl S. Buck International Woman  
7 of the Year honoree and Philadelphia Bar Association Beccaria  
8 Award honoree; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Richette attained distinction as an assistant  
10 district attorney, judge, teacher, social activist and author,  
11 in 1969, of "The Throwaway Children"; and

12 WHEREAS, Born on September 11, 1928, in South Philadelphia,  
13 Ms. Richette was a graduate of Philadelphia High School for  
14 Girls and the University of Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1952 Ms. Richette graduated with honors from Yale

1 Law School; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Richette's experiences, while a law student, at  
3 the Yale Study Unit Research Center for Psychiatry and Law  
4 launched her lifelong advocacy for at-risk children and persons  
5 with mental illness; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1971 Governor Milton Shapp appointed Ms. Richette  
7 to the Common Pleas Court; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Richette demonstrated her commitment to social  
9 justice through her work with the juvenile courts, and her  
10 advocacy continued as she openly sought treatment for clinical  
11 depression; and

12 WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Ms. Richette prepared and  
13 delivered food to homeless persons on behalf of the Sisters of  
14 Mercy in Center City; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives note with sadness  
16 the passing of Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Lisa Aversa  
17 Richette on October 26, 2007, at 79 years of age.