

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 68 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, DERMODY, O'BRIEN, W. KELLER, K. BOYLE, MAJOR, GINGRICH, CALTAGIRONE, BROWNLEE, J. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, ROEBUCK, MCGEEHAN, B. BOYLE, MILLARD, SCHLOSSBERG, HARKINS, STURLA, KORTZ, HARHART, FABRIZIO, MUNDY, MIRABITO, ROZZI, DAVIS, MCCARTER, BISHOP, DIGIROLAMO, WHEATLEY, FRANKEL, HAHN, D. COSTA, MULLERY, D. EVANS, SIMMONS, THOMAS, MURT, CLYMER, WHITE, KINSEY, PETRI, VEREB, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, WATSON, GOODMAN, DEASY, MOLCHANY, V. BROWN, MCNEILL, YOUNGBLOOD, HACKETT, FARINA, FLYNN, CRUZ, O'NEILL, VITALI, MUSTIO, M. DALEY, BRIGGS, PARKER, FARRY, BIZZARRO, BRADFORD, MARKOSEK, DEAN, HARPER, FREEMAN, CARROLL, SAMUELSON, DONATUCCI, HANNA, READSHAW, GALLOWAY, HARHAI AND GODSHALL, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and career of Wendell W. Young, III, President
 2 Emeritus of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local
 3 1776, Philadelphia labor relations leader and advocate for
 4 workers' rights and extending condolences to his family.

5 WHEREAS, Wendell W. Young, III, a husband, father,
 6 grandfather, friend and committed trade unionist, passed away on
 7 January 1, 2013, at 74 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Young was born in 1938 in the City of
 9 Philadelphia's Mayfair section, and as a sophomore at Northeast
 10 Catholic High School he was employed as a part-time worker at
 11 Acme Markets, becoming an active member and steward of the
 12 Retail Clerks Union Local 1357; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Joseph's University with a

1 degree in political science, Mr. Young began his career as a
2 labor leader when at 23 years of age he was named president of
3 Retail Clerks Union Local 1357, now known as the United Food and
4 Commercial Workers Local 1776; and

5 WHEREAS, While serving for 43 years as the President of the
6 United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1776, Mr. Young became
7 personally responsible for saving the jobs of thousands of union
8 members when he engineered the labor agreement which formed
9 Super Fresh Markets; and

10 WHEREAS, Renowned as a visionary and innovator, Mr. Young was
11 instrumental in the implementation of benefits for workers,
12 including the first prepaid legal program, pension benefit
13 program, child care assistance program and higher education
14 program; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicating his career to workers' rights, Mr. Young
16 acted not only as an advocate for workers, but also as a civic
17 and community leader, serving with the Pennsylvania State
18 Chapter of the AFL-CIO and on the boards of the Sisters of the
19 Blessed Sacrament and the Northeast Catholic High School Alumni
20 Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout Mr. Young's career, he received numerous
22 awards and honors from entities such as the International
23 Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the St. Joseph's
24 University Brother Bartholomew A. Sheehan Award; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
26 sadness upon the passing of Wendell W. Young, III, and offer its
27 most sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the family of Wendell W. Young, III.