
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 90 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, BROWNLEE, COHEN, HENNESSEY, MILLARD,
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AND FABRIZIO, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Extending condolences on the death of Dr. Arlene C. Ackerman,
2 former Philadelphia School District superintendent, on
3 February 2, 2013, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 66 years of
4 age.

5 WHEREAS, A notable leader and mentor in public education for
6 more than four decades, Dr. Arlene C. Ackerman held a bachelor's
7 degree from Harris-Stowe Teachers College in St. Louis,
8 Missouri, master's degrees from Washington University and
9 Harvard University and a doctorate in educational leadership
10 from Harvard University; and

11 WHEREAS, Before coming to Philadelphia in 2008, Dr. Ackerman
12 worked as an educator or administrator in St. Louis, Missouri,
13 Chicago, Illinois, and Seattle, Washington, school districts and
14 as superintendent of Washington, D.C., and San Francisco,
15 California, school districts; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ackerman was a professor at Columbia University
17 Teachers College until her appointment as Philadelphia School

1 District superintendent; and

2 WHEREAS, A champion of equal access to education for all
3 Philadelphia School District students, Dr. Ackerman ended her
4 three-year tenure as superintendent in 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ackerman went on to establish an educational
6 consulting business in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and serve on the
7 board of the Southwest Women's Law Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ackerman mentored school administrators through
9 the Harvard Graduate School of Education Urban Superintendents
10 Program and the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation Superintendents
11 Academy; and

12 WHEREAS, The Council of Great City Schools recognized Dr.
13 Ackerman as the top urban schools chief in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Ackerman is survived by her sons, Anthony and
15 Matthew Antognoli, two brothers, two sisters and four
16 granddaughters; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
18 condolences on the death of Dr. Arlene C. Ackerman, former
19 Philadelphia School District superintendent, on February 2,
20 2013, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 66 years of age.