

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 129 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, VANCE, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, ROBBINS, SMUCKER, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WARD, WAUGH, WHITE, YAW, COSTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FERLO, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, SCHWANK, SMITH, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WILEY, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK AND YUDICHAK, MAY 8, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of the Most Reverend Joseph P.
2 McFadden and expressing condolences on his death.

3 WHEREAS, The Senate mourns the loss of the Most Reverend
4 Joseph P. McFadden, the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of
5 Harrisburg, who passed away on May 2, 2013, at the age of 65;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia on May 22, 1947, Bishop
8 McFadden was the son of the late Thomas and Ellen Griffin
9 McFadden; and

10 WHEREAS, He attended St. Thomas More High School and
11 graduated from Saint Joseph University in 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, He entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1976
13 and was ordained into the priesthood on May 16, 1981, by
14 Cardinal John Krol in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and

1 Paul; and

2 WHEREAS, Initially assigned as Parochial Vicar at St.
3 Laurence Parish in Highland Park, he was named Honorary Prelate
4 to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of Monsignor on
5 May 29, 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1993, Bishop McFadden was appointed the first
7 President of Cardinal O'Hara High School, and in 2001 he was
8 assigned as Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish; and

9 WHEREAS, Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in June
10 2004, he was ordained to the Episcopacy on July 28, 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop McFadden was appointed the tenth Bishop of
12 Harrisburg by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on June 22, 2010,
13 and he was installed on August 18, 2010, at St. Patrick
14 Cathedral; and

15 WHEREAS, An advocate for Catholic education, he was President
16 of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Chairman of the United
17 States Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education and a member of
18 the Board of Trustees at Saint Vincent Seminary; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop McFadden represented many things to many
20 people, among them a beloved family member, dedicated religious
21 leader and avowed community steward who gave of his heart and
22 time to enhance the quality of life of his family, his community
23 and his congregations; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate note with great sadness the passing
25 of the Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden, whose life greatly
26 benefited all those who lived, served and worked with him and
27 extend heartfelt condolences to his brother, John McFadden;
28 sisters, Jane McFadden and Ellen McConney; and many other family
29 members, friends, colleagues and parishioners; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the family of the Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden.