
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, ROTHMAN, SANCHEZ, D. MILLER, HENNESSEY,
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N. NELSON, CRUZ, SNYDER, MENTZER, HILL-EVANS, McCLINTON,
DeLUCA, O'MARA AND CIRESI, DECEMBER 7, 2021

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 7, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Colin Powell and his contributions to the
2 United States.

3 WHEREAS, Colin Luther Powell was born on April 5, 1937, in
4 Harlem, New York, the son of Jamaican immigrants; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell enrolled in the Reserve Officers'
6 Training Corps during his education at the City College of New
7 York; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduation in 1958, Mr. Powell was
9 commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army
10 and was stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, when he met
11 Alma Vivian Johnson; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell and Miss Johnson married in 1962 and had
13 three children; and

14 WHEREAS, Soon after his wedding, Mr. Powell became one of
15 16,000 advisers sent to South Vietnam by President John F.
16 Kennedy; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell served two tours of duty in the Vietnam
2 War; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a four-star general who, in 1987,
4 became the first Black National Security Advisor; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Cold War, Mr. Powell was instrumental in
6 reshaping the military and breaking down the Iron Curtain
7 through what became known as the Powell Doctrine; and

8 WHEREAS, The Powell Doctrine refers to Mr. Powell's belief
9 that if the United States is to go to war, it must identify
10 clear political objectives, gain public support and use decisive
11 and overwhelming force to defeat enemy forces; and

12 WHEREAS, During the presidency of George H. W. Bush, Mr.
13 Powell became the youngest and first Black Chairman of the Joint
14 Chiefs of Staff; and

15 WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. Powell
16 led the United States military's efforts in the invasion of
17 Panama in 1989-1990, the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and the
18 humanitarian intervention in Somalia in 1992-1993; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Powell was unanimously confirmed by the
20 United States Senate to be this country's first Black Secretary
21 of State; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a distinguished public servant who
23 served as one of the nation's top soldiers and diplomats; and

24 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Powell earned numerous medals
25 and awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal, the Bronze
26 Star Medal, two Purple Hearts, the Presidential Citizens Medal,
27 the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Award, the
28 Secretary of Energy Distinguished Service Award and two
29 Presidential Medals of Freedom; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell passed away on October 18, 2021, due to

1 complications from COVID-19; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a trailblazer who devoted decades of
3 his life to protecting our country, freedom and independence;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell will be remembered for decades to come
6 for his remarkable contributions and resilience; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
8 Colin Powell and his contributions to the United States.