

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Representative Rosita Youngblood for becoming the first
2 African-American female to hold a leadership position in the
3 history of the General Assembly.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood graduated from Antioch
5 University in 1985 with a bachelor of arts degree in human
6 services; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to holding public office, Representative
8 Youngblood began her public service career as an active
9 community advocate and legislative aide in Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood was first elected to
11 represent the 198th Legislative District of the House of
12 Representatives in a special election on April 19, 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, Representative Youngblood was elected
14 President of the National Foundation of Women Legislators; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2011, Representative Youngblood was appointed
16 Democratic Chairwoman of the Gaming Oversight Committee of the
17 House of Representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the First Vice

1 Chairwoman of the Philadelphia Democratic Party and previously
2 served as the First Vice Chairwoman of the Philadelphia County
3 Democratic Executive Committee for eight years; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the Democratic Ward
5 Leader of Philadelphia's 13th Ward and the Block Captain of the
6 4600 Block of Morris Street; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the founder of Women
8 for Women; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood serves as a board member
10 of the Lucien Crump Educational Foundation and Creative Urban
11 Education Systems; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood contributes to various
13 community organizations, such as the Philadelphia Political
14 Congress of African American Women, 2000 African American Women,
15 and Friends of Fernhill Park; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 12, 2014, after her election to the
17 House of Representatives for an 11th term, Representative
18 Youngblood was elected by the members of the House Democratic
19 Caucus to serve as the Democratic Caucus Secretary, becoming the
20 first African-American female to hold a leadership position in
21 the history of the General Assembly; and

22 WHEREAS, The month of February is observed as Black History
23 Month in this Commonwealth in order to celebrate the historic
24 accomplishments of the African-American community; therefore be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor
27 Representative Rosita Youngblood for becoming the first African-
28 American female leader in the history of the General Assembly.