
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 359 Session of
1992

INTRODUCED BY O'BRIEN, RYAN, O'DONNELL, DeWEESE, EVANS, HAYES,
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DONATUCCI, KOSINSKI AND FAIRCHILD, JUNE 23, 1992

Vote on resolution, unanimously adopted, June 23, 1992

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the deep sadness of the House of Representatives upon
2 the death of Justice James T. McDermott.

3 WHEREAS, On June 21, 1992, James T. McDermott, one of
4 Pennsylvania's most distinguished jurists, died at the age of
5 65; and

6 WHEREAS, Justice McDermott was born September 22, 1926, and
7 was a life long resident of the City of Philadelphia. He was
8 married to Mary Theresa Bradley Reese and was the father of six
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St.
11 Joseph's University in 1947 and a law degree from Temple
12 University in 1950; and

13 WHEREAS, He was associated with the law firm of McDermott,
14 Quinn and Higgins. He was a Republican candidate for Congress in
15 1958, for city council in 1962 and the Republican candidate for

1 mayor in 1963; and

2 WHEREAS, His judicial career commenced in 1965 when he was
3 appointed to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. In 1981 he
4 was elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and won his
5 retention election in 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, He served as chairman of the Philadelphia City
7 Charter Revision Committee. He was an instructor at St. Joseph's
8 University in Legal Evidence, Labor Law, Commercial Law and
9 Criminal Law; and

10 WHEREAS, He was active in many professional and civic
11 associations and activities. He received a number of awards
12 including the St. Joseph's University Hogan Award, an award from
13 the Philadelphia Boosters, and two "Man of the Year" awards from
14 the Pennsylvania State Police and the Retired Police Chiefs
15 Association; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its deep
17 sadness at the death of Justice James T. McDermott; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
20 his surviving family.