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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY J. WILLIAMS, MYERS, ARMSTRONG, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BROWNE, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COY, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, D. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FLICK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, GRUITZA, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KAISER, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, MAYERNIK, McCALL, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, OLIVER, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, READSHAW, RIEGER, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SATHER, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TRICH, VANCE, VEON, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATERS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND G. WRIGHT, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2002

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the late Representative David P. Richardson, Jr., a  
2 member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1973  
3 to 1995.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was born in Philadelphia  
5 on April 23, 1948, a son of Elaine and David P. Richardson, Sr.;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was an activist,  
8 gentleman, lawmaker, human rights advocate and political leader  
9 with a strong commitment to serve, to become involved and to  
10 make a difference in educational reform, social justice and  
11 community improvement; and

1       WHEREAS, Representative Richardson's legislative record  
2 brought him recognition as a proponent of social welfare reform  
3 and prison reform, an advocate for social justice and equal  
4 rights and a leader in the rights of the elderly, children, the  
5 disabled and the homeless; and

6       WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was a member of numerous  
7 boards and committees at both the national and State levels, and  
8 he chaired the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus and the  
9 Urban Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and was  
10 Democratic chair of the Health and Human Services Committee of  
11 the House of Representatives; and

12       WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was past president of the  
13 National Black Caucus of State Legislatures and served on the  
14 executive Committee of the National Conference of State  
15 Legislatures; and

16       WHEREAS, Representative Richardson's work and activism made  
17 this Commonwealth a better place, and his legacy of fighting  
18 oppression, poverty, social and economic injustice and racism  
19 continues to enrich us all; therefore be it

20       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the late  
21 Representative David P. Richardson, Jr., a beloved family  
22 member, activist, statesman, friend, gentleman, role model and  
23 benefactor.