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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, LEDERER, BLACKWELL,  
W. KELLER AND WILLIAMS, MAY 10, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MAY 10, 2005

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the City of Philadelphia to name the branch of the Free  
2 Library of Philadelphia located on Lehigh Avenue as the  
3 Lillian Marrero Memorial Library.

4 WHEREAS, The Free Library of Philadelphia has a branch on  
5 Lehigh Avenue in the City of Philadelphia; and

6 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero was employed as a librarian at the  
7 Lehigh Avenue branch for 13 years and retired from that service  
8 in January 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero was born in Landes de Bussac,  
10 France, and considered Puerto Rico her home; and

11 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero received a bachelor's degree from  
12 the University of Puerto Rico, a master's degree in library  
13 science from the State University of New York at Albany, a  
14 master's degree in instructional design from Sacred Heart  
15 University in Puerto Rico and a master's degree in educational  
16 technology from Temple University; and

17 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero was an exceptional librarian for the  
18 Free Library of Philadelphia, and her service to its patrons was

1 exemplary; and

2 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero had a special interest in helping  
3 underprivileged persons in her community, especially children  
4 and teenagers; and

5 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero created a hub of neighborhood  
6 activity at the library and formed partnerships with local  
7 community groups, especially with the Latino community; and

8 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero assisted library patrons with  
9 development of computer skills and was a mentor to community  
10 residents on advancing their careers, developing English  
11 proficiency and literacy skills and getting jobs, housing and  
12 other needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero's activities were recognized  
14 throughout this Commonwealth and the nation when she was  
15 awarded, in 1997, one of the first Pride Awards of the  
16 Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs and when she  
17 held leadership positions in the local branch of the American  
18 Library Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Lillian Marrero, at 48 years of age, died on  
20 February 14, 2005, and her presence in the community in which  
21 she worked and lived is sorely missed; and

22 WHEREAS, It is fitting to officially recognize the commitment  
23 to public service of Lillian Marrero by naming the Lehigh Avenue  
24 branch of the Free Library in her memory; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the City of  
26 Philadelphia to name the branch of the Free Library of  
27 Philadelphia located on Lehigh Avenue as the Lillian Marrero  
28 Memorial Library.