

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 77

Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, W. KELLER, FREEMAN, ROEBUCK, WATERS, JAMES, BISHOP, GALLOWAY, DENLINGER, BOYD, CREIGHTON, STURLA, MELIO, HARPER, BUXTON, SANTONI, SAINATO, GIBBONS, DONATUCCI, PALLONE, FLECK, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, MANDERINO, THOMAS, SIPTROTH, GINGRICH, SCAVELLO, GEORGE, PAYTON, SHAPIRO, PARKER, WHEATLEY, R. TAYLOR, HERSHEY, KENNEY, MANTZ, D. EVANS AND CALTAGIRONE, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Rev. William H. Gray III on his retirement after 35
2 years of service as pastor of the Bright Hope Baptist Church
3 in the City of Philadelphia and for his achievements as a
4 member of the United States House of Representatives.

5 WHEREAS, The Rev. William H. Gray III has served as pastor of
6 the Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia since 1972; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Gray served in the House of Representatives of
8 the Congress of the United States from 1979 through 1991; and

9 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Congress, Rev. Gray was
10 elected the first African-American chairman of the Budget
11 Committee and became chairman of the Democratic caucus and
12 majority whip; and

13 WHEREAS, Rev. Gray served as president of the United Negro
14 College Fund; and

15 WHEREAS, Rev. Gray gave his farewell sermon at the Bright
16 Hope Baptist Church on February 4, 2007; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Rev.
2 William H. Gray III on his retirement after 35 years of service
3 as pastor of the Bright Hope Baptist Church in the City of
4 Philadelphia and for his achievements as a member of the United
5 States House of Representatives.