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FEBRUARY 13, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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

12 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson's legislative record
13 brought him recognition as a proponent of social welfare reform
14 and prison reform, an advocate for social justice and equal
15 rights and a leader in the rights of the elderly, children, the

1 disabled and the homeless; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was a member of numerous
3 boards and committees at both the national and State levels, and
4 he chaired the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus and the
5 Urban Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and was
6 Democratic chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee
7 of the House of Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was past president of the
9 National Black Caucus of State Legislatures and served on the
10 executive Committee of the National Conference of State
11 Legislatures; and

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the late
17 Representative David P. Richardson, Jr., a beloved family
18 member, activist, statesman, friend, gentleman, role model and
19 benefactor.