

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements and contributions the Honorable
2 Herbert Arlene made to the General Assembly and the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Herbert Arlene was born on September
5 5, 1914, attended Philadelphia public schools, graduated from
6 the Philadelphia Business School and was later awarded an
7 honorary Doctor of Law degree from Miller College; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Arlene opened and operated Wigfall and Arlene's
9 Tailor Shop in North Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Arlene served as a Democratic committeeman and
11 Democratic ward leader in Philadelphia before being elected to
12 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1958; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Arlene served four terms in the House
14 of Representatives before becoming the first African American
15 elected to the Pennsylvania Senate on November 8, 1966; and

1 WHEREAS, During his distinguished tenure in the Senate,
2 Senator Arlene sponsored and supported legislation to increase
3 the enrollment of African Americans in local medical schools,
4 create low-income housing, investigate the working conditions of
5 migrant farm workers and extend unemployment benefits and other
6 measures to assist the most vulnerable citizens of this
7 Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Arlene served on the boards of the Wharton
9 Neighborhood Community Center, Model Cities Neighborhood Council
10 15, YMCA, North Central Branch of the NAACP, Philadelphia
11 Chapter of the Urban League, Temple University Mental Health
12 Retardation Center, North Central Community Organization,
13 Greater Philadelphia Development Corporation, Beaver Institute
14 and the Philadelphia Athletic Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Arlene died on November 9, 1989; therefore be it
16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
17 commemorate the lifetime of service and achievement of the
18 Honorable Herbert Arlene.