

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements and contributions the Honorable  
2 Harry W. Bass made to the General Assembly and the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Harry W. Bass was born on November 4,  
5 1866, in West Chester, Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass was educated in West Chester public schools  
7 and was a graduate of Lincoln University and the University of  
8 Pennsylvania School of Law; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass was elected to the first of two terms in  
10 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1910, thereby  
11 becoming the first African American to serve in the General  
12 Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, One of the first pieces of legislation  
14 Representative Bass introduced in the House of Representatives  
15 was a measure to extend civil rights "for all persons,  
16 regardless of race," wherever soda water and confectionery were

1 sold; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bass served as chairman of the  
3 Commonwealth's 150th Anniversary Emancipation Proclamation  
4 Celebration and Exposition in Philadelphia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bass became Assistant City Solicitor of  
6 Philadelphia and held that post until his death; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and  
8 commemorate the lifetime of service and achievement of the  
9 Honorable Harry W. Bass.