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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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
16 disabled and the homeless; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was a member of numerous
18 boards and committees at both the national and State levels, and

1 he chaired the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus and the
2 Urban Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and was
3 Democratic chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee
4 of the House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Richardson was past president of the
6 National Black Caucus of State Legislatures and served on the
7 executive Committee of the National Conference of State
8 Legislatures; and

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

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