

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 256 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and public service of Mr. John H. Sanks, Jr.,
 2 long-serving broadcast technician for the House of
 3 Representatives.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. John H. Sanks, Jr., was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma
 5 to the late John H., Sr., and Elizabeth E. Sanks; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks attended Harrisburg High School and
 7 graduated in 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, Following high school, Mr. Sanks became interested
 9 in the field of electronics/broadcast engineering technology and
 10 enrolled in Electronic Institutes; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon his graduation, Mr. Sanks entered the field of
 12 broadcast and sound engineering, working several years for the
 13 WPVI-TV Channel 6 ABC network; and

14 WHEREAS, Seizing an opportunity to transfer his talents and
 15 skill set to the political arena, Mr. Sanks obtained employment

1 as a broadcast technician for the Pennsylvania House of
2 Representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks dutifully fulfilled his role through his
4 technical savvy and sheer dedication to his work; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks unwittingly provided an invaluable service
6 to the citizenry of this Commonwealth through his efforts of
7 bringing both attention and transparency to the legislative
8 process, a process which governs virtually every function and
9 aspect of the lives of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks' high level of activity and productivity
11 extended well beyond the confines of the State House, as
12 evidenced by his many pastimes which included camping, hunting,
13 fishing, boating, photography, football and grilling; and

14 WHEREAS, As a testament to his altruistic spirit, for many
15 years Mr. Sanks served as a camp counselor at Camp Shikellamy,
16 where he played an integral role in constructively guiding lives
17 of the youth of this Commonwealth by successfully preparing them
18 for adulthood; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks' work, actions and deeds both directly and
20 indirectly impacted the lives and hearts of innumerable
21 Pennsylvanians in a positive manner; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks passed away on March 21, 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, With Mr. Sanks' untimely passing, the Commonwealth
24 lost a hardworking, dependable and selfless individual; and

25 WHEREAS, With equal resolve and diligence, Mr. Sanks relished
26 his role as broadcast technician, loving father, mentor,
27 confidant and public servant until the day he transitioned to
28 eternal rest; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks' legacy will be enduring and will serve as
30 a rich source of encouragement and inspiration for all who knew

1 him or have been positively affected by his actions; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanks is survived by his two sons, John H., III,
3 and Brian P.; his twin brother, Joseph L., Sr.; his two
4 granddaughters, Ajahnae Nicole and Rhayne Marie; his two
5 grandsons, Jasai and Sherman; and his adopted son, Jamar
6 Bullett; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and the
8 Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus honor the life and public
9 service of Mr. John H. Sanks, Jr., long-serving broadcast
10 technician for the House of Representatives; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the family of Mr. John H. Sanks, Jr.