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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 896 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, VEREB, BISHOP,  
ROZZI, DAVIS, BARBIN, READSHAW, MILLARD, MAHONEY, MIRABITO,  
BROWNLEE, LUCAS, PARKER, P. DALEY, ROSS, ROEBUCK, GINGRICH,  
MCNEILL, YOUNGBLOOD AND MARSICO, JUNE 11, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 11, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of Frank L. Gilyard, Sr., for  
2 devoting his life to the establishment of the Central  
3 Pennsylvania African American Museum and his service to the  
4 City of Reading and the African-American community.

5 WHEREAS, Frank L. Gilyard, Sr., was born in Reading,  
6 Pennsylvania, on April 3, 1930, and passed away on January 24,  
7 2013, at 82 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilyard was a veteran of the United States Air  
9 Force; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilyard attended Finn College in Cleveland,  
11 Ohio, after receiving an honorable discharge from the Air Force;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilyard returned to Reading and became a  
14 community leader, where he served in many leadership positions  
15 within the Bethel AME Church, joined the NAACP and founded the  
16 Central Pennsylvania African American Museum, among many other  
17 worthwhile endeavors; and

1       WHEREAS, Mr. Gilyard received numerous awards for his  
2 dedication to the African-American community, and his hometown  
3 of Reading and will be honored at Reading's Juneteenth  
4 Celebration on June 21, 2014; and

5       WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration  
6 commemorating the abolishment of slavery in the United States;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, Mr. Gilyard organized the first Juneteenth  
9 Celebration in Reading in June 2010 at the Central Pennsylvania  
10 African American Museum and will be honored for his dedication  
11 and service to the African-American Community at this year's  
12 Juneteenth Celebration on June 21, 2014; therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
14 and legacy of Frank L. Gilyard, Sr., for devoting his life to  
15 the establishment of the Central Pennsylvania African American  
16 Museum and his service to the City of Reading and the African-  
17 American community.