

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 964 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY TOOHL, MICOZZIE, HARHART, CALTAGIRONE, HAGGERTY,
MILLARD, GAINES, KINSEY, COHEN, LUCAS, McNEILL, THOMAS,
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HENNESSEY, KNOWLES, YOUNGBLOOD, SONNEY, HAHN, SANKEY,
KAVULICH, MAJOR, READSHAW, GRELL, FARINA, DAY, HEFFLEY,
McCARTER, ROSS, MURT AND CARROLL, AUGUST 28, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. John Ford, entrepreneur and former
2 mayor and councilman of the City of Hazleton, and expressing
3 condolences upon his passing.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. John Ford was born in Hazleton on August 27,
5 1929, and was the son of John and Josephine (Cusatis) Ford; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was the founder and owner of Hazleton
7 Standard Fuel Company and John Ford Trucking, Inc.; and

8 WHEREAS, Besides being an entrepreneur, Mr. Ford was also a
9 committed public servant who served as the mayor of the City of
10 Hazleton from 1986 to 1987 and as a councilman of the City of
11 Hazleton from 1988 to 1989; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was also named to numerous local, State and
13 Federal committees and was a candidate for the Pennsylvania
14 State Senate; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford tirelessly worked for the betterment of the
16 City of Hazleton and his major accomplishments include

1 revitalizing Columbus Park, reinventing the bus transportation
2 system and saving historic landmarks; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was a member of the Hazleton Elks, West
4 Hazleton Lions and Queen of Heaven Parish and served on the
5 boards of many other civic and charitable organizations, such as
6 the United Charities Home; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford passed away May 8, 2014, at 84 years of age
8 and was preceded in death by his parents and his brother,
9 Morris; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, Rose; his sisters,
11 Marie Gentle and Ida Gallagher; his brother, Robert; and several
12 nieces and nephews; and

13 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the exemplary life and
14 accomplishments of this selfless public servant; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
16 Mr. John Ford, entrepreneur and former mayor and councilman of
17 the City of Hazleton, and express condolences upon his passing.