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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, DECEMBER 10, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

2 WHEREAS, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, former prisoner of  
3 conscience and President of South Africa, was a beacon of hope,  
4 equality and justice for people throughout the entire world; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela became known for his leadership in the  
6 battle against apartheid in South Africa and other forms of  
7 racial segregation and discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, He was the leader of a movement that fought to  
9 ensure that all people in South Africa had equal rights and  
10 political representation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela endured 27 years in prison, most of the  
12 time spent in solitary confinement, for opposing apartheid and  
13 injustice; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela inspired anti-apartheid activists across  
15 the world, including millions of people from all backgrounds in  
16 the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Upon his release from prison, he worked to establish  
18 a multiracial democracy in South Africa and successfully ran for

1 president as the candidate of the African National Congress in  
2 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela oversaw the formation of the Government  
4 of National Unity in a successful attempt to ease racial  
5 tensions in South Africa; and

6 WHEREAS, He was South Africa's first democratically-elected  
7 president in the nation's first free election where South  
8 Africans of all racial backgrounds were allowed to vote; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela received national and international  
10 honors, including the Nobel Prize, the United States  
11 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Star of International  
12 Friendship, the Third World Prize and other international human  
13 rights awards; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela continued to advocate on behalf of  
15 peace, justice and economic equality throughout his long life;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela passed away on December 5, 2013; and

18 WHEREAS, He is survived by 2 former wives, 6 children, 17  
19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life of Nelson Rolihlahla  
21 Mandela.