
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 195 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, MAHONEY, MILLARD, D. COSTA, J. HARRIS,
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ELLIS, O'NEILL, EVERETT, HAHN, GILLEN AND GABLER,
MARCH 26, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the death of
2 Colonel George J. Plava, a lifelong resident of the 50th
3 Legislative District, who passed away peacefully at 97 years
4 of age on February 17, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, George J. Plava was born November 7, 1917, in
6 Brownfield, to George J. Plava, Sr., and Anna (Fetcho) Plava;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Col. Plava graduated from German Township High
9 School, receiving a teaching certificate from California State
10 Teachers College of Pennsylvania and a master of education
11 degree from West Virginia University; and

12 WHEREAS, Col. Plava married Margaret Frances Balaban of
13 Masontown in 1954; and

14 WHEREAS, Col. Plava retired as a United States Air Force
15 Colonel following 35 years of distinguished military service

1 with the United States Air Force and the United States Air Force
2 Reserves; and

3 WHEREAS, As a World War II pilot, Col. Plava flew supply
4 planes for his country, receiving the Purple Heart; and

5 WHEREAS, Following the completion of his active military
6 service, Col. Plava returned to German Township where he resumed
7 his career in education, serving as a teacher and principal and
8 finally retiring as superintendent of the Albert Gallatin School
9 District; and

10 WHEREAS, After retirement, Col. Plava continued to serve his
11 community, becoming a longtime member of the Masontown Library
12 and the Connellsville Airport Authority; and

13 WHEREAS, Col. Plava was devoted to his family, faith,
14 community and country and is greatly missed by his sisters,
15 Frances Hoon, Eleanor Harris and Louise Lavigne, his extended
16 family and the community that he served tirelessly; therefore be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
19 condolences to the family of Colonel George J. Plava, a
20 dedicated and valiant airman, husband, father, grandfather,
21 great-grandfather, educator and community leader who is
22 remembered and respected for his service and heroism; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the family of Colonel George J. Plava.