
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Professor Louis F. Del Duca and expressing
2 condolences to his family upon his passing on November 27,
3 2015.

4 WHEREAS, Professor Louis F. Del Duca, a Distinguished Faculty
5 Scholar Emeritus and longest-serving faculty member at Penn
6 State Dickinson School of Law, was born July 2, 1926, in
7 Abruzzi, Italy, and was raised in Minersville, Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduating from South Philadelphia High
9 School, Professor Del Duca was awarded joint scholarships to
10 Temple University and the Curtis Institute of Music; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War II, Professor Del Duca served his
12 country in the United States Navy; and

13 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Professor Del Duca
14 earned a bachelor of arts degree from Temple University and law
15 degrees from Harvard Law School and the University of Rome Law
16 School, the latter through a Fulbright Scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, From 1955 to 1956, Professor Del Duca practiced law
18 in Philadelphia and taught political science at Temple

1 University; and

2 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1956, Professor Del Duca, known to
3 many as "The Duke," began his nearly 60-year career as a
4 professor at the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Del
6 Duca taught and mentored countless students from the United
7 States and around the world and was internationally recognized
8 as a leading scholar in the fields of commercial and comparative
9 law, the internationalization of legal education and the
10 harmonization of laws; and

11 WHEREAS, Professor Del Duca established the law school's
12 master of comparative law degree program and founded and managed
13 the law school's first international program; and

14 WHEREAS, After an illustrious tenure, Professor Del Duca
15 retired from teaching in 2013, but continued active scholarship
16 and publication; and

17 WHEREAS, Following retirement, Professor Del Duca
18 participated as a member of the United States Secretary of
19 State's Committee on International Trade Law, served as
20 President of the International Academy of Commercial and
21 Consumer Law, acted as United States Correspondent to the Rome
22 International Institute for the Unification of Private Law and
23 collaborated with Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
24 of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law; and

25 WHEREAS, Professor Del Duca also served as editor of the
26 Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly since 1968 and as editor-
27 in-chief of the Uniform Commercial Code Law Journal since 1972;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, In his community, Professor Del Duca participated
30 with the Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce, Police Athletic

1 League, Red Cross and Carlisle Theatre; and

2 WHEREAS, Professor Del Duca passed away on November 27, 2015,
3 in Washington, DC; and

4 WHEREAS, Professor Del Duca is survived by his beloved wife,
5 Frances, to whom he was married for 60 years; his sons, Patrick
6 and his wife Maria-Grazia Ascenzi, and Kevin and his wife Susan
7 McCauley; his daughter, Maureen and her husband Henry Azar; and
8 his five grandchildren; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
10 Professor Louis F. Del Duca and express condolences to his
11 family upon his passing on November 27, 2015.