
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 408 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, KAUFFMAN, TOOHIL, BENNINGHOFF, O'NEILL,
MUSTIO, DAVIS, JAMES, BAKER, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, KINSEY,
READSHAW, SONNEY, DUSH, RYAN, D. COSTA, WARD, PICKETT, HELM,
GROVE, MURT, SAINATO, MARSICO, HEFFLEY AND STAATS,
JUNE 16, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 16, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of Jack Kemp.

2 WHEREAS, Jack Kemp, pro football player, congressman, cabinet
3 secretary and vice-presidential candidate, was born in Los
4 Angeles, California, on July 13, 1935; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp served in the United States Army Reserve;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp graduated from Occidental College in 1957
8 and married Joanne Main, his college sweetheart; and

9 WHEREAS, Before entering politics, Mr. Kemp was a
10 professional quarterback for 13 years, playing with the National
11 Football League and the Canadian Football League and becoming a
12 star in the American Football League; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp spent the 1957 football season with the
14 Pittsburgh Steelers; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp served nine terms as Congressman for the

1 31st Congressional District from western New York; and

2 WHEREAS, An advocate of the long-term freedom and prosperity
3 of Poland, Mr. Kemp fought to free people in Poland by
4 sponsoring a bill that authorized the use of a portion of the
5 Economic Support Fund money for agricultural activities in
6 Poland and introducing a joint resolution in 1987 that
7 specifically provided aid to the Polish independent trade union
8 organization, Solidarity; and

9 WHEREAS, A Republican, Mr. Kemp served as Secretary of
10 Housing and Urban Development in the George H. W. Bush
11 administration; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp advocated low taxes and supply-side
13 policies throughout his political career; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp is notable as an influence with the Reagan
15 agenda and architect of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, After his political career, Mr. Kemp served on the
18 board of corporate and nonprofit organizations and authored,
19 coauthored and edited several books; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2009, Mr. Kemp died at his home in
21 Bethesda, Maryland; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp's wife of 50 years, four children and 17
23 grandchildren survive him; and

24 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Mr. Kemp
25 the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009; and

26 WHEREAS, Jack Kemp Awards are given to work force housing
27 developments that represent outstanding achievements in several
28 areas: innovative financing, unique construction methodologies,
29 strong public/private partnerships and replicability to achieve
30 affordability; and

1 WHEREAS, The Century Building in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
2 was one of the three recipients of the 2012 Jack Kemp Awards;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the life and achievements of
6 Jack Kemp and extend condolences to his family, friends and
7 admirers; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the family of Jack Kemp.