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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 25, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering Dr. Morton Coleman, who cultivated consensus and  
2 opportunity for the lasting benefit of the University of  
3 Pittsburgh community and his fellow Pittsburgh residents.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Morton Coleman, familiarly known as Moe, died on  
5 January 28, 2019, at 86 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman translated his inclinations, experiences  
7 and data-driven findings into shaping stable communities and  
8 spurring social engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman consistently used whatever platform he  
10 had to foster communication among groups, always searching for  
11 common ground and incremental progress that could help people;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman attended Pittsburgh public schools and  
14 earned his undergraduate degree and advanced degrees in social  
15 work and political science from the University of Pittsburgh;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Deriving insights from his early work, and the

1 people who influenced his work, as a community organizer at the  
2 Anna B. Heldman and Kingsley settlement houses, Dr. Coleman was  
3 a force behind local and regional gains in fair housing and  
4 urban renewal; and

5 WHEREAS, As an aide in the administration of Mayor Joseph  
6 Barr, Dr. Coleman further dedicated his energies to social  
7 change and public policy; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman advised Henry Ford II on urban issues in  
9 Detroit; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman was the founding director of the  
11 Institute of Politics at the University of Pittsburgh,  
12 established in 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman maintained his connections and continued  
14 his service to the institute as director emeritus and advisor;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The institute presents its annual Coleman Award to a  
17 community leader who has improved the quality of life in  
18 southwestern Pennsylvania in keeping with Dr. Coleman's notable  
19 and sometimes unheralded acts; and

20 WHEREAS, At the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Coleman also  
21 held joint appointments with the Graduate School of Public and  
22 International Affairs and the Urban Studies program and  
23 was a professor and professor emeritus at the School of Social  
24 Work; and

25 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives respectfully  
26 acknowledges Dr. Coleman's advocacy for underserved and  
27 underrepresented families and neighborhoods; and

28 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives expresses its thanks  
29 for the gift of Dr. Coleman's guidance and his example for  
30 generations of students and changemakers; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives remember Dr.  
2 Morton Coleman, who cultivated consensus and opportunity for the  
3 lasting benefit of the University of Pittsburgh community and  
4 his fellow Pittsburgh residents; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
6 Greta G. Coleman in care of the Institute of Politics through  
7 the Office of Institutional Advancement, University of  
8 Pittsburgh, 128 North Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.