

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life, service and accomplishments of Congressman
2 Elijah Cummings.

3 WHEREAS, Elijah Cummings was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on
4 January 18, 1951, the son of factory workers and the grandson of
5 sharecroppers; and

6 WHEREAS, After serving as student body president of Howard
7 University and graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors and a
8 degree in political science, Mr. Cummings attended the
9 University of Maryland School of Law and passed the Maryland
10 state bar exam in 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, After years of practicing law, during which he
12 helped law students develop their oral and writing skills as
13 chief judge on the Maryland Moot Court, Mr. Cummings was elected
14 to the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served from 1983 to
15 1996; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings was the first African American in
2 Maryland history to be named speaker pro tempore; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings was elected to the United States House
4 of Representatives in 1996 to represent Maryland's 7th
5 Congressional District; and

6 WHEREAS, Congressman Cummings chaired the Congressional Black
7 Caucus from 2003 to 2004, where he attempted to bring the group
8 to a national stage and consciousness, and was also a senior
9 member of the House Committee on Transportation and
10 Infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2019, Congressman Cummings became the chairman of
12 the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; and

13 WHEREAS, Congressman Cummings served in the House of
14 Representatives for 23 years until his death on October 17,
15 2019, at 68 years of age; and

16 WHEREAS, Congressman Cummings was a persistent voice of
17 reason and fighter of injustice, as well as a friend to
18 lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, whose presence will be
19 missed both in his district and in the halls of the United
20 States Capitol; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life,
22 service and accomplishments of Congressman Elijah Cummings.