
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, KANE, BOSCOLA, HUGHES,
YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, COMMITTA, MENSCH, COSTA, MUTH, FONTANA,
STREET, STEFANO AND CAPPELLETTI, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and career of Richard Trumka.

2 WHEREAS, Richard Trumka was born on July 24, 1949, in
3 Nemacolin to a Polish American father, who was a coal miner, and
4 an Italian American mother; and

5 WHEREAS, In Greene County, Mr. Trumka worked as a coal miner
6 before graduating from The Pennsylvania State University in 1971
7 and Villanova University School of Law in 1974; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Trumka was elected president of the United Mine
9 Workers of America (UMWA) at 33 years of age, making him the
10 youngest president ever of UMWA; and

11 WHEREAS, As president of UMWA, Mr. Trumka led one of the most
12 successful strikes in American history against the Pittston Coal
13 Company in Pittston; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Trumka was elected president of the
15 AFL-CIO, the largest federation of unions in the United States
16 and made up of more than 12 million active and retired workers;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Influencing economic policy across many industries
2 and sectors of the economy, Mr. Trumka championed workers'
3 rights and workplace safety, and worked with leaders of both
4 political parties to include labor provisions in the United
5 States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, signed into law in 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Trumka passed away on Thursday, August 5,
7 2021, at 72 years of age; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and career of
9 Richard Trumka.