
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 104 Session of
2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and career of Dr. Happy Fernandez, a prominent
2 leader, educator and community activist in Philadelphia and
3 extending condolences to her family.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Happy Fernandez, a wife, mother, grandmother,
5 friend and civic and community leader, passed away on January
6 19, 2013, at 74 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez was born in Nebraska in 1939 as Gladys
8 Vivian Craven, but later came to be known as "Happy"; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez received degrees from Wellesley
10 College, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania and
11 Temple University; and

12 WHEREAS, A resident of the University City neighborhood in
13 Philadelphia for 40 years, Dr. Fernandez served two terms on
14 City Council as a councilwoman-at-large, for which office she
15 was elected in 1991 and 1995; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1999, Dr. Fernandez became the first woman to

1 seek her party's nomination for Mayor of Philadelphia; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez founded and led the Parents Union for
3 Public Schools and the Children's Coalition of Greater
4 Philadelphia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez taught in the School of Social
6 Administration at Temple University for 18 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez served as the ninth president of Moore
8 College of Art & Design from 1999 until 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Fernandez will be remembered as a passionate,
10 determined civic leader, a staunch supporter of public education
11 and an exceptional role model; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
13 sadness upon the passing of Dr. Happy Fernandez and offer its
14 most sincere condolences to her family and friends; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the family of Dr. Happy Fernandez.