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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1079 Session of  
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MCNEILL, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MIRABITO, MURT, O'BRIEN,  
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CARROLL, CUTLER AND MAHONEY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 8, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Chief Justice Ronald D.  
2 Castille upon his retirement from the Supreme Court of  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille has served the  
5 citizens of the nation and of the Commonwealth with distinction  
6 and honor as a Marine, prosecutor, and a member of the  
7 Pennsylvania Supreme Court since 1993, and as Chief Justice  
8 since 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, As Chief Justice, he has worked tirelessly,  
10 modernizing the Pennsylvania court system, increasing the  
11 availability of legal assistance for the poor and the indigent,  
12 assisting judges in their adherence to the highest standards of  
13 judicial and personal conduct by adopting a new Code of Judicial  
14 Conduct, and ensuring, through his leadership and personal  
15 example, the independence of the Judiciary and nonpartisanship

1 of its Highest Court; and

2 WHEREAS, Prior to his election to the Supreme Court, he  
3 faithfully served the citizens of Philadelphia for nearly twenty  
4 years in the District Attorney's Office, including four as the  
5 District Attorney; and

6 WHEREAS, Prior to his service in this Commonwealth, he served  
7 his country with extraordinary bravery as a First Lieutenant in  
8 the United States Marine Corps, and as a Rifle Platoon Commander  
9 in Vietnam; and

10 WHEREAS, His life and career have been marked throughout by  
11 excellence, which has been evidenced in part by the many honors  
12 and awards bestowed upon him; that among these are two Purple  
13 Heart Medals, a Bronze Star Medal, the Pennsylvania Legal Aid  
14 Network Excellence Award, the Philadelphia Bar Association  
15 William J. Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award, the Pennsylvania  
16 Bar Association Judge of the Year Award, the Military Order of  
17 World Wars Patrick Henry Award for Patriotic Achievement, the  
18 Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Dedicated Service Award, the  
19 National Disabled American Veterans Outstanding Disabled Veteran  
20 of the Year Award, and the National District Attorneys  
21 Association President's Award for Outstanding Service; and

22 WHEREAS, Having reached the age of retirement under Article V  
23 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Chief Justice Ronald D.  
24 Castille shall be retired from the bench of the Supreme Court  
25 where he has served for twenty-one years, faithfully applying  
26 the Constitution of this Commonwealth and the laws that govern  
27 our society; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorates the  
29 distinguished life and career of the Honorable Chief Justice  
30 Ronald D. Castille, thanks him for his service, and extends its

1 heartfelt congratulations upon his retirement.