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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, READSHAW, DiGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL,  
V. BROWN, SCHWEYER, CALTAGIRONE, BIZZARRO, DUSH, SONNEY,  
MILLARD AND NEILSON, APRIL 4, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 4, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and the accomplishments of Katie Everett  
2 Johnson.

3 WHEREAS, Katie Everett Johnson was one of eight children and  
4 was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, in February 1923; and

5 WHEREAS, At the age of 13, Ms. Johnson and her family moved  
6 to western Pennsylvania where she attended Schenley High School  
7 and Duff's Iron City College, as well as the University of  
8 Pittsburgh; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 1940s and 1950s, Ms. Johnson held the  
10 position of office manager for the Urban League of Greater  
11 Pittsburgh and coordinated a national convention for the  
12 organization; and

13 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Ms. Johnson joined the Port Authority  
14 Transit as a special assistant in the Consumer Relations  
15 Department and was later promoted to manager of the Office of  
16 Equal Opportunity, a position she held until her retirement in  
17 1994; and

1       WHEREAS, While employed as manager of the Office of Equal  
2 Opportunity, Ms. Johnson created a program called "Classroom on  
3 Wheels," where bus drivers would visit schools to foster better  
4 relationships between drivers and young riders; and

5       WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was a guest at the White House three  
6 times during President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration to  
7 discuss race relations; and

8       WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was a founding member of the Black  
9 Women's Political Crusade and the Program for Female Offenders;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson served on the boards of the National  
12 Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs,  
13 Inc., the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Advisory  
14 Committee, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the Dwelling  
15 House Savings and Loan Association, the Pittsburgh Job Corp, the  
16 Spirit of King Committee and the Bethel AME Church Trustee  
17 Board; and

18       WHEREAS, During her many years of service Ms. Johnson was  
19 recognized for a number of awards, including Iota Phi Lambda's  
20 Woman of the Year Award, the New Pittsburgh Courier's  
21 Distinguished Citizen Award and the J.C. Penney Golden Rule  
22 Award; and

23       WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was named one of *Talk Magazine's* 25 Most  
24 Influential Black Women of 1976 and one of Freedom Corner's  
25 Legends of the Movement; and

26       WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson died on March 8, 2017, at the age of 94;  
27 therefore be it

28       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and  
29 celebrate the life, service and advocacy of Katie Everett  
30 Johnson.