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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences and honoring the life of Margaret "Marge"  
2 Tartaglione.

3 WHEREAS, Margaret M. Tartaglione was born February 1, 1933,  
4 as Margaret M. Warnecka; and

5 WHEREAS, Known affectionately by her family and friends as  
6 "Marge," Ms. Tartaglione graduated from the Nativity Commercial  
7 School; and

8 WHEREAS, As a young housewife and mother residing in Oxford  
9 Circle of Northeast Philadelphia in the 1960s, Ms. Tartaglione  
10 was recruited by the Democratic Party to serve as a  
11 committeeperson; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione was soon elected Democratic Ward  
13 Leader for her neighborhood, the 62nd Ward, a post she  
14 maintained until her death; and

15 WHEREAS, Once Ms. Tartaglione embarked on her journey into  
16 politics, she became a lifelong and tireless public servant; and

1       WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione won her first Philadelphia citywide  
2 election as commissioner in 1975 and made history as the first  
3 Democratic woman to be elected citywide; and

4       WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione served for 40 years in the  
5 Philadelphia City Commissions Office, mostly as chairperson, the  
6 longest tenure of any commissioner since the office was formed  
7 in the 1850s; and

8       WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ms. Tartaglione oversaw  
9 Philadelphia City elections and is credited with implementing  
10 computerized voting without a glitch and instituting the policy  
11 of "sunshine meetings" in which the city commissioners are  
12 required to discuss and vote on matters in public; and

13       WHEREAS, In her decades of public service, Ms. Tartaglione  
14 has received more cumulative votes than anyone in the history of  
15 Philadelphia; and

16       WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione was far ahead of her time as a  
17 strong woman in politics who opened doors for other women to run  
18 for elected office; and

19       WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione was known for her honesty, loyalty  
20 and love for her family and constituents; and

21       WHEREAS, On July 9, 2019, Ms. Tartaglione passed away due to  
22 respiratory ailments; and

23       WHEREAS, Ms. Tartaglione is preceded in death by her husband,  
24 Gene "Zip" Tartaglione, to whom she was married for more than 55  
25 years; and

26       WHEREAS, Together, Marge and Zip had five children: Renee  
27 Tartaglione-Matos, State Senator Christine Tartaglione, Eugene  
28 A. Tartaglione, Jr., Mary Ann Rossi and the late Margaret; and

29       WHEREAS, In addition to her children, Ms. Tartaglione is  
30 survived by her nine grandchildren and three great-

1 grandchildren, to whom she was affectionately known as "Babci";  
2 therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express  
4 condolences and honor the life of Margaret "Marge" Tartaglione;  
5 and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 the family of Margaret Tartaglione as an expression of  
8 condolence for their loss and a token of appreciation for the  
9 many decades of Ms. Tartaglione's trailblazing and tireless work  
10 in Philadelphia and this Commonwealth.