

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 517 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 21, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences on the passing of Augusta "Gussie" Clark,  
 2 former councilwoman of the City of Philadelphia and exemplary  
 3 public servant who died on October 13, 2013.

4 WHEREAS, Augusta "Gussie" Clark was born on March 5, 1932, in  
 5 Union Town, Alabama, and grew up in Fairmount, West Virginia;  
 6 and

7 WHEREAS, After graduating from West Virginia State College,  
 8 she moved to Philadelphia to work as an assistant at *Color*  
 9 magazine, which was a publication targeted at Black readers; and

10 WHEREAS, When *Color* went out of business, Ms. Clark earned  
 11 her master of library science degree from Drexel University and  
 12 became a librarian; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Clark earned a law degree from Temple University  
 14 and worked as a lawyer before seeking public office; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1980, Ms. Clark became the second African-  
 16 American woman to be elected to city council in Philadelphia;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, During her 20-year tenure, Ms. Clark focused her  
3 energy on improving Philadelphia's public schools and  
4 revitalizing poor communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Clark retired from council in February 2000  
6 where she served as a Democratic councilwoman at large and  
7 majority whip; and

8 WHEREAS, After retiring from city council, Ms. Clark became  
9 secretary of agencies, authorities, boards and commissions in  
10 Mayor John Street's cabinet; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Clark died on October 13, 2013, and is survived  
12 by her son, Mark; daughter, Adrienne; and four grandchildren;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express  
15 condolences on the passing of Augusta "Gussie" Clark, former  
16 councilwoman of the City of Philadelphia and exemplary public  
17 servant who died on October 13, 2013.