
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the life of Arthur L. Powell for his long-standing
2 economic and philanthropic contributions to this
3 Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Arthur L. Powell has been affectionately referred to
5 as "the soul of King of Prussia" and was well known for his
6 humble and gracious approach to public service; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell founded the original Kravco company in
8 the 1940s and accumulated more than 60 years of experience in
9 the real estate development and management industry in
10 Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell and his partners in Kravco were pioneers
12 in the development of suburban regional malls, which has a
13 profound impact on how we shop today; and

14 WHEREAS, His company has over 70 years of experience
15 developing, managing and leasing commercial properties and has
16 managed, leased, developed and redeveloped over 30 million
17 square feet of commercial real estate; and

1 WHEREAS, One of Kravco's crowning achievement was its
2 creation of the King of Prussia Mall, one of the country's
3 largest and most successful mall development project started in
4 1963; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a 1943 graduate of Alfred University,
6 receiving a degree in ceramic engineering and earned his
7 master's degree in industrial engineering from New York
8 University in 1949; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was elected to the Alfred University
10 board of trustees in 1980, serving as the board's chairman and
11 received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell served in the United States Air Force
13 while attending the Aircraft Engineering School at Yale
14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell supported high school and college
16 scholarships, including those for the George School in Bucks
17 County and schools in Upper Merion; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell served as vice chairman of Montgomery
19 Hospital, where he was instrumental in establishing the neonatal
20 unit at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery and was president of
21 the King of Prussia Rotary Club, where he was known for his
22 life-long support of the rotary's charitable arm, the Gundaker
23 Foundation; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a founding member of the Wharton Real
25 Estate Center, was committed to the mission of the ALS
26 Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, was a founder of the
27 Museum of the American Revolution in Valley Forge and was named
28 a Distinguished Citizen by the Boy Scouts Colonial District; and

29 WHEREAS, Along with his late wife Lea, the Powells were
30 generous donors, being charter members of the Society of

1 Benefactors at Alfred University for gifts exceeding more than
2 one million dollars; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994, Alfred University created the Lea R. Powell
4 Institute for Children and Family Services with a renovated
5 facility, including a 5,000-square-foot addition that was
6 dedicated in October 2002; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives honor the
8 life of Arthur L. Powell for his long-standing economic and
9 philanthropic contributions to this Commonwealth.