

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of former President Jimmy
2 Carter, the 39th President of the United States.

3 WHEREAS, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., was born October 1,
4 1924, in Plains, Georgia, to James Earl Carter, Sr., a farmer
5 and businessman, and Lillian Gordy Carter, a nurse; and

6 WHEREAS, Before entering politics, Mr. Carter graduated with
7 distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1946; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter became a submariner and eventually earned
9 the rank of lieutenant in the United States Navy; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving on several county boards in his home
11 state, Mr. Carter was elected to the Georgia State Senate in
12 1962; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was sworn in as Georgia's 76th governor
14 on January 12, 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter announced his candidacy for President on
16 December 12, 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter's term as President from January 20,
18 1977, through January 20, 1981, began a legacy dedicated to

1 peace, humanitarianism and compassion; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter achieved many foreign policy
3 accomplishments, including the Camp David Accords, which enabled
4 a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, and the SALT II treaty,
5 a nuclear arms agreement between the United States and the
6 Soviet Union; and

7 WHEREAS, Domestically, Mr. Carter expanded the National Park
8 System, created the United States Department of Education and
9 the United States Department of Energy and signed the Full
10 Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, or Humphrey-Hawkins
11 Act, which specified low unemployment and inflation goals for
12 the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, After leaving office in 1981, Mr. Carter created a
14 nonprofit, The Carter Center, with his wife, Rosalynn Carter, in
15 a continuing effort to fight for human rights and democracy
16 across the globe; and

17 WHEREAS, Based in Atlanta, The Carter Center has led
18 countless international campaigns to eradicate diseases, reduce
19 hunger and mediate conflicts since 1982; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter authored dozens of books and spent
21 decades volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, helping to build
22 or repair homes for persons in need while advocating for
23 affordable housing; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter even worked with Habitat for Humanity in
25 the City of Philadelphia, where in 1988 he and other volunteers
26 built homes on the 1900 block of West Wilt Street; and

27 WHEREAS, Beyond his legacy as a distinguished humanitarian
28 and dedicated volunteer, Mr. Carter was recognized as a
29 recipient of The Nobel Peace Prize; and

30 WHEREAS, The Nobel Prize organization awarded Mr. Carter the

1 honor in 2002 "for his decades of untiring effort to find
2 peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance
3 democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social
4 development"; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter died at his home in Georgia on December
6 29, 2024, at 100 years of age, making him the oldest-living
7 President in our nation's history; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 honor the life and achievements of former President Jimmy Carter
10 and extend condolences to his family, friends and admirers; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
13 the Carter Family in care of The Carter Center, 453 John Lewis
14 Freedom Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.