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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, FONTANA, GEBHARD, BARTOLOTTA,  
BOSCOLA, DUSH, CORMAN, LAUGHLIN, ARGALL, MENSCH, SCHWANK,  
GORDNER, COMITTA, COSTA, BAKER, PITTMAN, J. WARD AND  
ROBINSON, JUNE 14, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of the Honorable Charles  
2 Timothy Shaffer and expressing heartfelt condolences to his  
3 many family members, friends and colleagues.

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Timothy Shaffer, a former  
5 member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, who represented the 21st  
6 Senatorial District from 1981 to 1996, passed away on May 3,  
7 2022, at 76 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, Affectionately known to his family members and  
9 friends as Tim, Senator Shaffer was born in Butler on October 2,  
10 1945, and was the son of the late John S. and Jean (Kaufman)  
11 Shaffer and brother of the late John Stephen Shaffer; and

12 WHEREAS, A seventh-generation, lifelong resident of Prospect  
13 Borough and a 1963 graduate of Slippery Rock Area School  
14 District, Senator Shaffer received his bachelor's degree in 1966  
15 from The Pennsylvania State University and then graduated from  
16 Duquesne University School of Law in 1973 after earning his  
17 Juris Doctorate; and

1       WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer had a license to practice law in all  
2 Pennsylvania Courts and the United States Court of Appeals,  
3 Third Circuit, and he worked at Dillon McCandless King Coulter  
4 and Graham, LLP, in Butler from 1997 until his retirement; and

5       WHEREAS, Prior to his extensive law career, Senator Shaffer  
6 was known as 1st Lieutenant Shaffer, having honorably served his  
7 country in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 in Vietnam;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, In 1969, while serving as platoon leader in the  
10 United States Signal Corps, he was awarded the Bronze Star; and

11       WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer continued his time of service after  
12 returning from Vietnam, serving as Butler County Solicitor from  
13 1976 to 1978; and

14       WHEREAS, After Senator Shaffer's service in the State Senate,  
15 he was nominated and sworn in on May 17, 2010, as a Butler  
16 County Magisterial District Judge and served until his  
17 retirement in December 2015; and

18       WHEREAS, While Senator Shaffer served his State and country,  
19 he also continued to serve his communities through many  
20 organizations; and

21       WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer was a member of the Veterans of  
22 Foreign Wars and American Legion and supported the Intrepid  
23 Fallen Heroes Fund; and

24       WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer was a member of the Unionville  
25 Grange, from which he received a 25-year award; the Historic  
26 Harmony, Inc., Board of Directors; the Christopher Gist Chapter  
27 of the Sons of the American Revolution; the ARC of Butler  
28 County's Board of Directors; the Boy Scouts of America, Moraine  
29 Trails Council, which awarded him the Distinguished Citizen  
30 Award for Service to Youth; the Brady Paul Memorial Lodge No. 54

1 of the Fraternal Order of Police, of which he was an associate  
2 member; the Prospect Area Preservation Society; the William H.  
3 Miller Lodge No.769; and various fraternal organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer had a kind heart and was always very  
5 generous to his local fire departments, churches, food pantries,  
6 4H clubs, FFA chapters, Rotary clubs, Boy Scouts of America  
7 troops, Special Olympics events, Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
8 organizations, the Leukemia Society, addiction centers, the  
9 Butler County Association for the Blind, the Butler County  
10 Symphony, VOICE, the Visiting Nurses Association of Western  
11 Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks  
12 Foundation; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Shaffer is also remembered for his generous  
14 contribution of \$1 million to the Butler County Community  
15 College registered nursing program; and

16 WHEREAS, As a member of the Senate, Senator Shaffer served as  
17 Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, Vice  
18 Chair of the Urban Affairs and Housing and Judiciary Committees  
19 and a member of the Aging and Youth, Appropriations, Banking and  
20 Insurance, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Law  
21 and Justice and State Government Committees, and he was a member  
22 of the Senate Impeachment Committee of Justice Rolf Larsen in  
23 1994; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of  
25 the Honorable Charles Timothy Shaffer and express heartfelt  
26 condolences to his many family members, friends and colleagues.