
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 393 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY GERGELY, FARINA, P. DALEY, BISHOP, DONATUCCI,
VEREB, KIRKLAND, DiGIROLAMO, KIM, DRISCOLL, MURT, THOMAS,
ACOSTA, HENNESSEY, HARHART, BROWNLEE, SCHWEYER, MATZIE,
McNEILL, WHEELAND, WATSON, ROZZI, ROSS, COHEN, READSHAW,
D. COSTA, MAHONEY, GINGRICH, BRADFORD AND McCARTER,
JUNE 16, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Burrell A. Brown, Esq., and
2 extending condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

3 WHEREAS, Born in McKeesport on October 18, 1947, Burrell A.
4 Brown was the son of Rebecca Frazier McGrew and the late Burrell
5 Leon Alford, Sr., and Willie and Beatrice Brown; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown graduated from California University of
7 Pennsylvania and earned a master's degree and a juris doctorate
8 degree from the University of Pittsburgh; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was licensed to practice law in the courts
10 of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a tenured professor of business at
12 California University of Pennsylvania, where he taught classes
13 and conducted research in the areas of ethics, law and labor
14 relations; and

15 WHEREAS, A respected union leader, Mr. Brown served the

1 Association of Pennsylvania State College and University

2 Faculties in numerous capacities; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served as President of the Pennsylvania
4 State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement
5 of Colored People; and

6 WHEREAS, Before his election as president, Mr. Brown served
7 20 years as legal counsel to the organization; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was also affiliated with numerous other
9 civic and professional organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a founding member and past President
11 of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Bar Association and
12 the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black MBA Association;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Former Governor Tom Ridge appointed Mr. Brown to the
15 Governor's Commission on African-American Affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, Former Governor Edward Rendell appointed Mr. Brown
17 to the Inter-Branch Commission on Racial, Ethnic and Gender
18 Fairness, where he later served as Chair; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown attended the Gethsemane Church of God in
20 Christ and served as Chair of the Deacon Board, and he further
21 served as legal counsel to the Western Pennsylvania First
22 Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown passed away at 67 years of age on January
24 25, 2015; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
26 and memory of Burrell A. Brown, Esq.; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend heartfelt
28 condolences to his wife of more than 39 years, Anita D. Shockley
29 Brown, his sons, Storm B. J. Gresseem, Julian Lerone, Martin
30 William and Frederick Douglass, eight grandchildren and many

1 other family members and friends; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

3 Anita D. Shockley Brown.