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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 86 Session of  
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FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Representative Rosita Youngblood for becoming the first  
2 African-American female to hold a leadership position in the  
3 history of the General Assembly.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood graduated from Antioch  
5 University in 1985 with a bachelor of arts degree in human  
6 services; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to holding public office, Representative  
8 Youngblood began her public service career as an active  
9 community advocate and legislative aide in Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood was first elected to  
11 represent the 198th Legislative District of the House of  
12 Representatives in a special election on April 19, 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, Representative Youngblood was elected  
14 President of the National Foundation of Women Legislators; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2011, Representative Youngblood was appointed

1 Democratic Chairwoman of the Gaming Oversight Committee of the  
2 House of Representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the First Vice  
4 Chairwoman of the Philadelphia Democratic Party and previously  
5 served as the First Vice Chairwoman of the Philadelphia County  
6 Democratic Executive Committee for eight years; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the Democratic Ward  
8 Leader of Philadelphia's 13th Ward and the Block Captain of the  
9 4600 Block of Morris Street; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood is the founder of Women  
11 for Women; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood serves as a board member  
13 of the Lucien Crump Educational Foundation and Creative Urban  
14 Education Systems; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Youngblood contributes to various  
16 community organizations, such as the Philadelphia Political  
17 Congress of African American Women, 2000 African American Women,  
18 and Friends of Fernhill Park; and

19 WHEREAS, On November 12, 2014, after her election to the  
20 House of Representatives for an 11th term, Representative  
21 Youngblood was elected by the members of the House Democratic  
22 Caucus to serve as the Democratic Caucus Secretary, becoming the  
23 first African-American female to hold a leadership position in  
24 the history of the General Assembly; and

25 WHEREAS, The month of February is observed as Black History  
26 Month in this Commonwealth in order to celebrate the historic  
27 accomplishments of the African-American community; therefore be  
28 it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor  
30 Representative Rosita Youngblood for becoming the first African-

1 American female leader in the history of the General Assembly.