



Legislation Text

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Honoring and remembering the late David B. Glancey, former Democratic Party chairman and liaison to the City for the University of Pennsylvania, who passed away Monday, January 28, 2019 at the age of 74.

WHEREAS, Born and raised in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, David Glancey eventually settled in Old City where he remained until his passing. He loved his City and his involvement in the Philadelphia's government became his life blood; and

WHEREAS, David Glancey graduated from Northeast Catholic High School and earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from St. Joseph's University in 1966. He went on to Villanova University School of Law where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from law school, David Glancey worked as an Attorney at Dilworth Paxson before setting his sights on politics. David Glancey became the chairman of the City's Democratic Party, under Mayor William J. Green III, who led the City from 1980-1984; and

WHEREAS, David Glancey served at the City's Board of Revision and Taxes in 1983 and became its chairman 5 years later. Mr. Glancey served as chair for 18 out of his 24 years with the Board; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, David Glancey joined the University of Pennsylvania's Office of Government and Community Relations where he served as Director, Special Projects working to promote policies and legislation at a local level; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, David Glancey developed a reputation as someone who was utterly devoted to his work. Accordingly, he never truly retired, even through the onset of his pulmonary issues, David Glancey continued to serve; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 50 years David Glancey successfully navigated Philadelphia politics. He acted as an aide, an advisor, and a mentor to generations of politicians. Colleagues attribute his success to his affable disposition, his passionate approach, and his selfless nature; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his passion for city government, David Glancey was born to perform. As an actor, teacher, and card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild, David Glancey frequented the stage at Wilma Theater; and

WHEREAS, David Glancey took interest in several nonprofits serving on the boards of the Academy of Community Music (a music therapy program) and Ceasefire Pa; and

WHEREAS, As the youngest of nine children, David Glancey learned the importance of family early on in life. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Alice Reyes, three children, three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, David B. Glancey earned the admiration of our great City through his commitment to City

government and although we are in mourning, we will continue to celebrate his great legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and remembers the late David B. Glancey who passed away Monday, January 28, 2019 at the age of 74.