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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, BAKER, MARTIN, CULVER, VOGEL AND  
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 12, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of businessman, humanitarian  
2 and leader Seymour Holtzman and expressing condolences on his  
3 passing.

4 WHEREAS, Seymour Holtzman was born July 30, 1935, the son of  
5 Max Holtzman and Bella Holtzman, née Spivak, in Wilkes-Barre;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman earned his bachelor of science in  
8 Commerce and Finance from Wilkes University in 1957; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman later received his honorary doctorate  
10 and served as a Trustee of Wilkes University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman's entrepreneurial endeavors included  
12 the growth, acquisition and turning of more than one dozen  
13 businesses, while also listing his first company on the New York  
14 Stock Exchange at 32 years of age; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman owned C.D. Peacock, Inc., Rolex  
16 Boutique Luxury Swiss in Miami and held the chairman position at  
17 Destination XL Group, Inc.; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1989, Mr. Holtzman led a group of prominent

1 businessmen to invest in Eastern and Central Europe by  
2 purchasing General Banking & Trust Co., Ltd., in Budapest,  
3 Hungary, which was the first Eastern-European bank to be  
4 privatized since World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman extended his humanitarian business  
6 activities by entering into the retail optical and real estate  
7 business in Prague, Czech Republic, further aiding in the  
8 modernization of Eastern Europe; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman, a philanthropist, was honored as  
10 "Humanist of the Year" by the Cardinal Cushing School and  
11 Training Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and "Man of the Year"  
12 by the B'nai B'rith Youth Services; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman served as National Finance Co-Chairman  
14 for the Reagan-Bush Campaign and was appointed by former  
15 President Reagan to the United States Department of Commerce's  
16 Industry Policy Advisory Committee for trade policy matters; and

17 WHEREAS, As an advocate for free trade, Mr. Holtzman was  
18 invited to advise the United States Senate Select Committee on  
19 international business and other economic matters; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman passed away in Palm Beach, Florida, on  
21 May 28, 2024, at 88 years of age; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtzman is survived by his wife of 67 years,  
23 Evelyn (Torres) Holtzman, his three children: Marc Holtzman and  
24 his wife Kristen, Steven Holtzman and his wife Qi, and Allison  
25 Holtzman, as well as his 12 grandchildren and four great-  
26 grandchildren; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of  
28 businessman, humanitarian and leader Seymour Holtzman and  
29 express condolences on his passing.