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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Praising Marine Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins for his
2 courage and sacrifice for his country; and condemning the
3 terrorists who brutally took his life.

4 WHEREAS, On February 17, 1988, Marine Lieutenant Colonel
5 William R. Higgins, head of an observer team attached to the
6 United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon, was
7 kidnapped by terrorists; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 31, 1989, the captors of Lieutenant Colonel
9 Higgins announced that he had been hanged and released a macabre
10 display of pictures showing that he had, indeed, been killed;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Higgins was a man of outstanding
13 courage and character with a distinguished background in the
14 Marine Corps and well worthy of our admiration and respect; and

1 WHEREAS, The barbaric actions of these terrorists are
2 repulsive to all of us; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pause in its deliberations to
5 salute Marine Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins, recognizing
6 his supreme sacrifice for our country, and express its feeling
7 of repulsion for the terrorists who so atrociously took his
8 life; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
10 condolences to Lieutenant Colonel Higgins' widow, Major Robin
11 Higgins.