

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 423 Session of
1996

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 27, 1996

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing sorrow and condolences regarding the June 25, 1996,
- 2 bombing at the United States Air Force housing compound near
- 3 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and requesting the Governor to order
- 4 the lowering of flags to half-staff.

1 WHEREAS, Shortly before 10:00 p.m. on June 25, 1996, a truck
2 loaded with explosives was driven by unknown persons onto a
3 Saudi air base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and abandoned 35
4 yards from Building 131, a highrise apartment building housing
5 many of the United States Air Force personnel serving at the
6 base; and

7 WHEREAS, Less than four minutes later, the truck exploded,
8 demolishing Building 131, killing 19 Americans, seriously
9 injuring 60 Americans, causing another 200 Americans minor
10 injuries and leaving a crater 35 feet deep and 80 feet wide; and

11 WHEREAS, While there are various theories explaining the
12 reason why this terroristic act occurred and identifying its
13 perpetrators, the event has sent a wave of sorrow and shock
14 throughout the international community which is allied to Saudi
15 Arabia; and

16 WHEREAS, The Governor has ordered flags in this Commonwealth
17 to be lowered to half-staff; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
19 sorrow for the loss of life and for the injuries suffered as a
20 result of this bombing; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the condolences of the House of
22 Representatives be extended to the survivors of the blast and to
23 family members and other loved ones of those who did not survive
24 it.