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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 17, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 17, 2006

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the heroism of Reading Police Officer Scott A. Wertz  
2 and noting with sadness his untimely death in the line of  
3 duty on August 6, 2006, at 40 years of age.

4 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz sustained fatal injuries in the line  
5 of duty while working on a regional auto theft task force in  
6 plain clothes in an unmarked police car in the City of Reading;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz and Officer Malcolm Eddinger were in  
9 close proximity to the scene of an incident where a fight was

1 occurring at 2:06 a.m. and responded after hearing several shots  
2 fired in the parking lot at 8th and Walnut Streets; and

3 WHEREAS, As the police officers approached the male suspect,  
4 he ran from the scene, and Officer Wertz pursued him on foot,  
5 closing in on the suspect who fired two shots at Officer Wertz,  
6 striking him in the chest. Officer Eddinger then tackled and  
7 apprehended the suspect; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz demonstrated his bravery and  
9 professionalism and his commitment to law enforcement and  
10 protecting the safety and welfare of his fellow citizens and  
11 fellow officers on the night of his death and throughout his  
12 nine years of service with the Reading Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz was a 1984 Wilson High School graduate  
14 and 1994 Reading Police Academy graduate; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz received numerous commendations for  
16 his anticrime endeavors and was widely recognized for his  
17 efforts on behalf of the Police Athletic League; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz had previously served as a Berks  
19 County Prison correctional officer and part-time police officer  
20 in Sinking Spring Borough and South Heidelberg Township; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Wertz resided in Spring Township with his  
22 wife Tricia and sons Jared and Joshua; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the heroism  
24 of Reading Police Officer Scott A. Wertz and note with sadness  
25 his untimely death in the line of duty on August 6, 2006, at 40  
26 years of age; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 the family of Reading Police Officer Scott A. Wertz.