

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 690 Session of
2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 3, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of the law enforcement officers who gave
2 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and
3 recognizing the memorial service in their honor in Soldiers'
4 Grove at the State Capitol Complex on May 5, 2008.

5 WHEREAS, Officer Walter Barclay of the Philadelphia Police
6 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on August 19, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Ball of the Pennsylvania State Police
8 made the ultimate sacrifice on August 27, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Charles Cassidy of the Philadelphia Police
10 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on November 1, 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a

1 total of 702 officers who, through the year 2007, made the
2 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within
3 this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, A Venango County constable who died in April 1825 is
5 believed to be the first officer to have given his life in the
6 line of duty in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Police Memorial Day" is held on May 15
8 each year; and

9 WHEREAS, The week containing May 15, is celebrated each year
10 as "National Police Week"; and

11 WHEREAS, On October 1, 1962, Joint Resolution 730 of the 87th
12 Congress of the United States was signed, authorizing the
13 President to proclaim May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers
14 Memorial Day"; and

15 WHEREAS, Twenty years passed before the first "National
16 Police Memorial Day" was recognized on May 15, 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, May 15 has continued to be observed annually in
18 memory of those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice
19 in the line of duty; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
21 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
22 Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
24 memories of Officer Walter Barclay, Officer Scott Ball and
25 Officer Charles Cassidy, the law enforcement officers who gave
26 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth in 2007,
27 and recognize the memorial service in their honor in Soldiers'
28 Grove at the State Capitol Complex on May 5, 2008.