

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 700 Session of 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 31, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who gave their
2 lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and
3 recognizing the memorial service in their honor at the Forum
4 Auditorium in the City of Harrisburg on May 5, 2014.

5 WHEREAS, Patrolman William J. "Jerry" McCarthy IV and
6 Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax made the ultimate sacrifice in the
7 line of duty in 2013; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2013, Patrolman William J. "Jerry"
9 McCarthy IV was tragically killed when the vehicle he was
10 pursuing crashed into his police cruiser; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 22, 2013, after encountering an accident on

1 the way home from his shift, Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax lost
2 his life after being electrocuted while heroically attempting to
3 assist at the scene of the accident; and

4 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a
5 total of 733 officers who, through the year 2013, made the
6 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within
7 this Commonwealth; and

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

11 WHEREAS, National Police Memorial Day is held on May 15 each
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, The week containing May 15 is celebrated each year
14 as National Police Week; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
25 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
26 Commonwealth; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
28 memories of Patrolman William J. "Jerry" McCarthy IV and
29 Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax who gave their lives in the line
30 of duty in this Commonwealth in 2013; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 memorial service in their honor at the Forum Auditorium in the
3 City of Harrisburg on May 5, 2014.