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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 26, 2017

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
4 Pennsylvania State Museum in the City of Harrisburg on May 8,
5 2017.

6 WHEREAS, Police Officer Scott Leslie Bashioum, Trooper Landon
7 E. Weaver, Patrolman Edward Wehe and Police Officer Walter J.
8 DeWitt III made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 10, 2016, Police Officer Scott Leslie
10 Bashioum, of the Canonsburg Borough Police Department, was shot
11 and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call at a
12 residence in Canonsburg Borough, Washington County; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Bashioum was approaching the residence with

1 his partner when the male subject shot at and seriously wounded
2 the two officers; and

3 WHEREAS, The subject shot and killed his pregnant wife before
4 committing suicide; and

5 WHEREAS, Both officers were immediately taken to Canonsburg
6 Hospital where Officer Bashioum succumbed to his wounds; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Bashioum was a United States Air Force
8 veteran and had served with the Canonsburg Borough Police
9 Department for seven years; and

10 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife and four children; and

11 WHEREAS, On December 30, 2016, Trooper Landon E. Weaver of
12 the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop G, was shot and killed
13 while responding to a domestic disturbance call at a residence
14 in Juniata Township, Huntingdon County; and

15 WHEREAS, Trooper Weaver was investigating a violation of a
16 protective order by a subject who had been recently released
17 from jail on bail; and

18 WHEREAS, The next morning, members of the Pennsylvania State
19 Police located the man who fatally shot Trooper Weaver and the
20 suspect was shot and killed when he pulled out a gun; and

21 WHEREAS, Trooper Weaver had served with the Pennsylvania
22 State Police for one year and is survived by his wife; and

23 WHEREAS, On November 5, 2013, Patrolman Edward Wehe suffered
24 a fatal heart attack shortly after clearing the scene of a
25 protest at the Delaware County Prison; and

26 WHEREAS, Patrolman Wehe had been dispatched to the prison to
27 assist in removing the protesters who had not obtained the
28 proper permits to assemble; and

29 WHEREAS, After Patrolman Wehe was able to clear the scene, he
30 went to a local restaurant where he ran into his daughter and

1 while speaking with her, suddenly collapsed; and

2 WHEREAS, Patrolman Wehe's daughter immediately initiated CPR
3 until medics arrived and he was transported to Riddle Memorial
4 Hospital where he passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, Patrolman Wehe was a United States Navy veteran,
6 served with the Delaware County Courthouse and Park Police
7 Department for 18 years and also served as a part-time officer
8 with the Marcus Hook Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Patrolman Wehe is survived by his daughter,
10 granddaughter, fiancée and brother; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2015, Police Officer Walter J. DeWitt
12 III, of the Philadelphia Police Department, died during surgery
13 from on-the-job health complications; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer DeWitt was a 33-year veteran and decorated
15 member of the Philadelphia Police Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer DeWitt is survived by his wife and son; and

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, May 15 continues to be observed annually in memory
28 of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the
29 line of duty; and

30 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order

1 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
2 Commonwealth; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
4 memories of Police Officer Scott Leslie Bashioum, Trooper Landon
5 E. Weaver, Patrolman Edward Wehe and Police Officer Walter J.
6 DeWitt III, who gave their lives in the line of duty in this
7 Commonwealth; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 memorial service in their honor at the Pennsylvania State Museum
10 in the City of Harrisburg on May 8, 2017.