

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 27, 2008

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Bradley Paul Holmes and extending  
2 condolences on the loss of his life while responding to a  
3 fire as a member of the crew of Pine Township's Engine  
4 Company No. 85.

5 WHEREAS, Bradley Paul Holmes, 21, of Grove City, a Pine  
6 Township Engine Company volunteer fireman, lost his life on  
7 March 5, 2008, due to burns suffered over 75% of his body; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes responded to a structure fire call with  
9 the Pine Township Engine Company No. 85 on February 29, 2008, to

1 a two-story duplex along with five other fire and rescue  
2 companies; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes and another Pine Township firefighter,  
4 while performing a search and rescue on survivors, were trapped  
5 on the second floor of the burning home for several minutes  
6 until they were pulled from the fire by a rapid intervention  
7 team; and

8 WHEREAS, Because of his burns, Mr. Holmes was placed on a  
9 ventilator, heavily sedated and put in a medically induced coma,  
10 flown to the Birmingham Trauma and Burn Center at the UPMC Mercy  
11 Hospital of Pittsburgh, where he was listed in critical  
12 condition; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes died as a result of his burns on March 5,  
14 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes had joined Pine Township Engine Company  
16 No. 85 as a junior member at the age of 17 in May 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes went full-time a year later in 2005,  
18 after he turned 18; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes also served as the department's president  
20 and was one of the department's most active members for the last  
21 several years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes received nearly 12 certificates for his  
23 training through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Butler  
24 County Community College and the Pennsylvania State Fire  
25 Academy; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was also a junior at Slippery Rock  
27 University, where he was taking computer science courses; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was a 2004 graduate of Grove City High  
29 School with a solid academic record; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was born May 14, 1986, in Grove City to

1 Joseph N. and Deborah K. Holmes; and

2 WHEREAS, As a final farewell, more than 400 firefighters from  
3 all areas of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio walked blocks  
4 to the funeral home to pay respects to their fallen colleague;  
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of  
7 Bradley Paul Holmes and extend condolences for the loss of his  
8 life while performing his duties as a firefighter with Pine  
9 Township Engine Company No. 85.