

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 10 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, ARGALL, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, P. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SABATINA, SANTONI, SAYLOR, PAYNE, PEIFER, PERRY, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, KILLION, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, WHITE, SIPTROTH, S. H. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, McGEEHAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, METCALFE, MICCARELLI, MICOZZIE, GRELL, GROVE, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HELM, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, W. KELLER, BOYD, REICHLEY, GINGRICH, MAJOR, CASORIO, M. KELLER, MUNDY AND FABRIZIO, JANUARY 26, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 26, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 1 through 7, 2009, as
2 "Pennsylvania State Police Memorial Week" and honoring the
3 memory of the Pennsylvania State Police officers who gave
4 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, In the late 1800s, this Commonwealth found itself
6 torn by disputes between managers and laborers as Pennsylvania
7 made its transition into a major industrial center; and

8 WHEREAS, It became evident that the town constables, sheriffs
9 and similar local officials, who had been adequate to keep the
10 peace in more stable times, were unable to cope with the new
11 populations and the violent labor troubles of the times; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police was established as an

1 executive department of State government by legislation that was
2 signed into law on May 2, 1905; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police represent no class or
4 condition, no prejudice or interest and nothing but the
5 sovereign majesty of the law; and

6 WHEREAS, President Theodore Roosevelt described the
7 Pennsylvania State Police as a model of efficiency, a model of
8 honesty and a model of absolute freedom from political
9 contamination; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police swear to serve
11 honestly, faithfully, and if need be, lay down their lives in
12 order to ensure the protection of the citizens of this
13 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Ninety-one members of the Pennsylvania State Police
15 have given their lives in the line of duty since the department
16 was established in 1905; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the memory
18 of those 91 valiant Pennsylvania State troopers; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of February 1 through 7, 2009, as "Pennsylvania State
22 Police Memorial Week" in Pennsylvania.