

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 52 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 AND W. KELLER, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the week of April 27 through May 2, 2009, as
2 "Pennsylvania State Police Memorial Week" in Pennsylvania and
3 honoring the memory of the Pennsylvania State Police officers
4 who gave their lives in the line of duty in this
5 Commonwealth.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police was established as an

1 executive department of State government by legislation and
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, nothing but the sovereign
5 majesty of the law; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Ninety-one members of the Pennsylvania State Police
14 have been killed in the line of duty since the department was
15 established in 1905; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
17 memories of the 91 Pennsylvania State troopers who have given
18 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth since 1905;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate April
21 27 through May 2, 2009, as "Pennsylvania State Police Memorial
22 Week" in Pennsylvania.