

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 534 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY B. BOYLE, JANUARY 23, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 23, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the death of
2 United States Navy Petty Officer Michael Strange, who paid
3 the supreme sacrifice on August 6, 2011, while serving his
4 country in Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, A 2004 graduate of North Catholic High School in
6 Philadelphia, Michael Strange was an accomplished triathlete who
7 joined the United States Navy shortly after graduation; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2009, Michael Strange was selected for duty with
9 the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, often referred to
10 by the name of a predecessor unit, SEAL Team Six, and during his
11 esteemed military career was awarded the Purple Heart; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael Strange quickly rose through the ranks of
13 the Navy SEALs as an information operations operator, and was on
14 his third tour in Afghanistan; and

15 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Michael Strange tragically lost his
16 life while serving his country in the United States Navy SEALs
17 in the fight against terrorism in support of Operation Enduring
18 Freedom, when he fell victim to a helicopter crash caused by a
19 rocket propelled grenade on August 6, 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, The attack that claimed the life of Petty Officer
2 Strange was the deadliest single day incident for the United
3 States since the war began; and

4 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Strange is survived by his fiancée,
5 Breanna Hostetler; his mother, Elizabeth Strange, who is a
6 Philadelphia police officer; his father, Charles Strange, Jr.;
7 his brother Charles; his sisters Katelyn and Carly; his niece
8 Juliana Rose; his grandmother Madeline "Bernice" Strange; and
9 numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his heroic service to his country,
11 Petty Officer Michael Strange will be remembered for his love of
12 Philadelphia and for his fond appreciation of cheesesteaks and
13 the Philadelphia Eagles; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
15 condolences to the family of Petty Officer Michael Strange, a
16 dedicated and valiant soldier who remains one of the City of
17 Philadelphia's hometown heroes, who shall be remembered and
18 respected for his service and his heroism; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
20 the family of Petty Officer Michael Strange.