
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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READSHAW, KEEFER, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, KORTZ, TOEPEL AND
OBERLANDER, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the bravery and professionalism of the Philadelphia
2 Police Department during the events of August 14, 2019.

3 WHEREAS, On the afternoon of August 14, 2019, police officers
4 from the 39th District of the City of Philadelphia were
5 attempting to serve a narcotics warrant in the Nicetown area;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In the process of serving this warrant, police
8 officers came under gunfire; and

9 WHEREAS, Police Officer Joshua Burkitt, a 2-year veteran
10 assigned to the 24th District, sustained a gunshot wound to the
11 left hand; and

12 WHEREAS, Police Officer Michael Guinter, a 12-year veteran
13 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained gunshot wounds
14 to both arms; and

15 WHEREAS, Police Officer Shaun Parker, an 11-year veteran

1 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained a graze wound
2 to the head; and

3 WHEREAS, Police Officer Nathaniel Harper, a 19-year veteran
4 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained a gunshot
5 wound to the left leg; and

6 WHEREAS, Police Officer Ryan Waltman, a 12-year veteran
7 assigned to the 39th District, sustained a gunshot wound to the
8 right hand; and

9 WHEREAS, Police Officer Justin Matthews, a 3-year veteran
10 assigned to the 16th District, sustained a graze wound to the
11 left leg; and

12 WHEREAS, The police were successful in avoiding any civilian
13 casualties; and

14 WHEREAS, The police officers were able to successfully
15 evacuate several day care facilities that were operating in the
16 vicinity of the stand-off; and

17 WHEREAS, Philadelphia Police Commissioner, Richard Ross,
18 worked in tandem with Philadelphia District Attorney, Larry
19 Krasner, to attempt to deescalate the situation; and

20 WHEREAS, After a nearly eight hour stand-off, including
21 numerous negotiation attempts, the police used teargas to force
22 the suspect out of the home; and

23 WHEREAS, The police were able to apprehend the suspect
24 without injuring him; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
26 recognize the bravery and professionalism of the Philadelphia
27 Police Department during the events of August 14, 2019; and be
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the efforts
30 of all officers involved; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the 39th District of the Philadelphia Police Department, 2201
3 West Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
6 the Philadelphia Police Department Headquarters, 750 Race
7 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.