

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 401 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY B. SMITH, NAILOR, MARSICO, PICCOLA, HERSHEY,
SAURMAN, FICHTER, RUBLEY, GERLACH, HENNESSEY AND BROWN,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Patrolman Willis J. Cole of the New Cumberland
2 Borough Police Department.

3 WHEREAS, Patrolman Willis J. Cole, of the New Cumberland
4 Borough Police Department, made the ultimate sacrifice for his
5 fellowman when he valiantly gave his life in the line of duty on
6 August 19, 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, An eight-year veteran of the New Cumberland Police
8 Department, Patrolman Cole demonstrated outstanding service to
9 his community and dedication to protecting the public. He was a
10 versatile police officer, loved by the citizens as well as his
11 fellow officers. Above all else, Patrolman Cole was an honest
12 and caring professional; and

13 WHEREAS, Patrolman Cole was the recipient of numerous letters
14 of commendation for the unselfish and unbiased way he conducted
15 himself in the performance of his duties; and

16 WHEREAS, Patrolman Cole's love toward children enabled him to
17 portray McGruff, the Crime Dog, in a convincing manner, for

1 various youth groups, thereby promoting a very important crime
2 prevention message and reinforcing a positive police image
3 within the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Patrolman Cole's intrepid and unflinching response
5 to a crime committed in his presence reflects most highly on
6 himself, his community and this state. He was a sterling example
7 of civic pride and devotion to duty. Through his indomitable
8 courage and spirit, as well as his exemplary record of service,
9 Patrolman Cole serves as a fitting model for others to emulate;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania note with deep regret the passing
13 of Patrolman Willis J. Cole, a loving and giving man whose life
14 greatly benefited all those who lived, served and worked with
15 him; express heartfelt condolences to his wife, Kathleen V.
16 Brinser Cole; and son, Derek John.