

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 427 Session of
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OCTOBER 5, 1994

ADOPTED, OCTOBER 5, 1994

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending all persons who participated in the emergency
- 2 response to the USAir Flight 427 disaster.
- 3 WHEREAS, On September 8, 1994, at 7:05 p.m., USAir Flight 427

1 crashed in Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, Hundreds of people, including volunteers, have
3 worked tirelessly providing fire protection, medical services,
4 law enforcement duties and a myriad of emergency response
5 functions from minutes after the crash and many of whom are
6 still at the crash site performing essential functions; and

7 WHEREAS, Over 30 fire departments from Beaver and Allegheny
8 Counties and firefighters from the Greater Pittsburgh
9 International Airport participated in the emergency response;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, At least 16 local law enforcement agencies from
12 Beaver and Allegheny Counties provided emergency assistance,
13 including the Beaver County Detectives and the Allegheny County
14 Police; and

15 WHEREAS, The Beaver County Coroner's office and the Allegheny
16 County Coroner's office provided invaluable assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, Numerous dentists from Beaver and Allegheny Counties
18 gave many hours of their time to aid in the identification of
19 the victims; and

20 WHEREAS, Beaver County and Allegheny County emergency
21 management personnel were courageous in their efforts in the
22 coordination and in the overall response effort; and

23 WHEREAS, The Allegheny County Department of Public Works
24 provided invaluable assistance; and

25 WHEREAS, Federal and State agencies such as the National
26 Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Aviation
27 Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the 911th
28 Reserves, the 171st Air Refueling Wing, the Pennsylvania
29 National Guard, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
30 (PEMA), the Department of Environmental Resources and the State

1 Department of Health have made major contributions to the
2 emergency effort; and

3 WHEREAS, The Red Cross and the Salvation Army greatly
4 contributed to the effort by feeding all personnel on the
5 emergency site; and

6 WHEREAS, USAir provided great assistance in the overall
7 operations, especially in the identification of the victims;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
10 outstanding efforts of all persons who participated in the
11 emergency response to the USAir Flight 427 disaster.