

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 727 Session of  
2008

---

INTRODUCED BY HARKINS, FABRIZIO, HORNAMAN, SONNEY AND J. EVANS,  
MAY 2, 2008

---

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 2, 2008

---

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing profound sorrow for the death of firefighter Michael  
2 David Crotty, who tragically lost his life while performing  
3 firefighting duties in Harborcreek Township, Erie County, on  
4 April 8, 2008.

5 WHEREAS, Michael David Crotty was born to David Crotty and  
6 Barbara Beers Crotty in Erie on April 14, 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, During his formative years, Mr. Crotty spent time at  
8 the Lawrence Park Volunteer Fire Department, learning about  
9 firefighting and developing a desire to pursue a career as a  
10 professional firefighter; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Iroquois High School in 2001,  
12 he enlisted in the United States Air Force to serve his country  
13 and continue the pursuit of his dream of becoming a professional  
14 firefighter; and

15 WHEREAS, While stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in  
16 Anchorage, Alaska, Mr. Crotty worked as a paramedic and  
17 volunteered at the Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department;  
18 and

1       WHEREAS, After being honorably discharged from the United  
2 States Air Force in August 2007 as an Airman 1st Class Medic, he  
3 returned to Pennsylvania, where he served in the Lawrence Park  
4 Volunteer Fire Department and rose to the position of deputy  
5 chief; and

6       WHEREAS, Shortly after his return to this Commonwealth, Mr.  
7 Crotty fulfilled his goal of becoming a professional firefighter  
8 after he was hired by the City of Erie Bureau of Fire and  
9 assigned to Engine Company No. 6, 3rd Platoon; and

10       WHEREAS, On April 8, 2008, Mr. Crotty responded to a fire  
11 call in Harborcreek Township, where he took command at the  
12 scene; and

13       WHEREAS, While working with his fellow firefighters, Mr.  
14 Crotty was fatally injured when he was struck by a piece of fire  
15 equipment, which separated from the aerial ladder of a fire  
16 truck; and

17       WHEREAS, In performing these heroic duties, Mr. Crotty  
18 tragically lost his life on April 8, 2008; and

19       WHEREAS, Mr. Crotty will be deeply missed by his parents,  
20 David and Barbara Crotty, brother James and fiance Danielle  
21 Jackson of Lawrence Park, grandparents Ray and Ellen Baybrook of  
22 Orlando, Florida, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and  
23 friends; and

24       WHEREAS, Mr. Crotty made the ultimate sacrifice while serving  
25 as a volunteer and professional firefighter in his community;  
26 therefore be it

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express profound  
28 sorrow for the death of firefighter Michael David Crotty, who  
29 tragically lost his life while performing firefighting duties in  
30 Harborcreek Township, Erie County, on April 8, 2008; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay tribute to  
3 and honor the memory of firefighter Michael David Crotty with  
4 gratitude for his courage, leadership and selflessness in  
5 protecting his community as a firefighter; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 the family of firefighter Michael David Crotty.