

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 213 Session of 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 31, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences upon the death of Police Officer Richard
2 Matthews, a heroic son of Pennsylvania, who died in the line
3 of duty in Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 18, 2009.

4 WHEREAS, Police Officer Richard Matthews, of the Wilmington,
5 North Carolina Police Department, responded to help a fellow
6 officer arrest drug suspects shortly after 1 a.m. on February
7 18, 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, As he drove east on Shipyard Boulevard in Wilmington
9 on his way to the scene, Officer Matthews lost control of his
10 car, crashed and died from injuries sustained in the crash; and

11 WHEREAS, Preliminary investigations by the Wilmington Police

1 Department and the North Carolina Highway Patrol indicate that
2 Officer Matthews lost control of his vehicle upon swerving to
3 miss a box that lay in the middle of the road; and

4 WHEREAS, A native son of Pennsylvania, Officer Matthews knew,
5 even while a student at Liberty High School, that he wanted to
6 be a policeman; and

7 WHEREAS, After serving with the New York City Police
8 Department for two years, Officer Matthews was hired by the City
9 of Wilmington late in 2006 and received a commendation for
10 carrying a 96-year-old woman to safety from a burning building;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Although only 28 years of age at the time of his
13 death, Officer Matthews was a distinguished police officer and
14 heroic native son of this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, He is survived by his parents, Margaret and Dennis
16 Matthews, of Bethlehem; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express
18 condolences upon the death of Police Officer Richard Matthews, a
19 heroic son of Pennsylvania, who died in the line of duty in
20 Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 18, 2009; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 his parents, Margaret and Dennis Matthews, 4650 Kathi Drive,
24 Bethlehem, PA 18017.