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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 20, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the heroism of Philadelphia Police Sergeant Stephen
2 Liczbinski, who, while in the service of the City of
3 Philadelphia, paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty
4 on May 3, 2008, when he was tragically killed while pursuing
5 bank robbers.

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, 39, served the City of
7 Philadelphia as an officer with the Philadelphia Police
8 Department for 12 years; and

9 WHEREAS, On the morning of May 3, 2008, Sgt. Liczbinski
10 responded to a bank robbery call, encountered the suspects in
11 their getaway car, stopped their car at the intersection of
12 Schiller and Almond Streets and, as he exited his patrol car,

1 was shot several times by one of the suspects; and

2 WHEREAS, In the chaos that immediately followed the gunshots,
3 residents of the Port Richmond neighborhood rushed to help the
4 fallen officer, radioing for an ambulance, wrapping his wounds
5 with towels to try to stop the bleeding, remembering his last
6 words before he fell unconscious, and helping to carry him to a
7 nearby patrol car that rushed him to a local hospital, where he
8 died from his wounds; and

9 WHEREAS, One suspect fled from the crash scene and was
10 arrested the next day, a second was shot and killed near the
11 crash scene by responding K-9 officers and the third is in
12 custody; and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Liczbinski was recognized throughout his unit
14 as a "cop's cop," because he always did more than was required,
15 and as his district sergeant said, he was "someone willing to do
16 the job above and beyond duty"; and

17 WHEREAS, Not only was Sgt. Liczbinski respected by his fellow
18 police officers, he was also a beloved member of the police
19 force, and his death has left many in the force deeply saddened;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, In tribute to his heroic service, Sgt. Liczbinski's
22 police badge No. 468 has been retired; and

23 WHEREAS, Sgt. Liczbinski's last words were "tell my wife I
24 love her"; and

25 WHEREAS, Sgt. Liczbinski, a resident of the Burholme section
26 of Philadelphia, always demonstrated great love for his family,
27 his "number one priority"; and

28 WHEREAS, Sgt. Liczbinski is survived by his wife Michele, his
29 children Matt, Steve and Amber, his daughter-in-law Bridget, and
30 his first grandchild and namesake, Stephen, who was born in

1 June; and

2 WHEREAS, The entire Commonwealth joins with the family of
3 Sgt. Liczbinski and with the members of his police department in
4 mourning the tragic death of this outstanding police officer;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 heroism of Philadelphia Police Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, who,
8 while in the service of the City of Philadelphia, paid the
9 ultimate sacrifice on May 3, 2008, when he was tragically killed
10 while in pursuit of bank robbers.