

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 304 Session of 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 8, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of the law enforcement officers who gave
2 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and
3 recognizing May 15, 2009, as "National Police Memorial Day"
4 in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski of the Philadelphia
6 Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice on May 3, 2008;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Isabel Nazario of the Philadelphia Police
9 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on September 5, 2008; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael Weigand, Jr. of the Latimore

1 Township Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice on
2 September 15, 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Patrick McDonald of the Philadelphia Police
4 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on September 23, 2008;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Officer David Tome of the Northern York Regional
7 Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice on October 21,
8 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Nathaniel Burnfield of the South Strabane
10 Township Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice on
11 November 4, 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy Simpson of the Philadelphia Police
13 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on November 17, 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, Special Agent Samuel Hicks of the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation made the ultimate sacrifice on November 19, 2008;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Chris Jones of the Middletown Township
18 Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice on January 29,
19 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer John Pawlowski of the Philadelphia Police
21 Department made the ultimate sacrifice on February 13, 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Eric G. Kelly of the Pittsburgh Bureau of
23 Police made the ultimate sacrifice on April 4, 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Stephen J. Mayhle of the Pittsburgh Bureau
25 of Police made the ultimate sacrifice on April 4, 2009; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Paul J. Sciullo, II of the Pittsburgh Bureau
27 of Police made the ultimate sacrifice on April 4, 2009; and

28 WHEREAS, As of this writing, the deaths of these law
29 enforcement officers make a total of 722 officers who made the
30 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within

1 this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, A Venango County constable who died in April 1825 is
3 believed to be the first officer to have given his life in the
4 line of duty in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, "National Police Memorial Day" is held on May 15
6 each year; and

7 WHEREAS, The week containing May 15 is celebrated each year
8 as "National Police Week"; and

9 WHEREAS, On October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed
10 Joint Resolution 730 of the 87th Congress of the United States,
11 authorizing the President to proclaim May 15 of each year as
12 "Peace Officers Memorial Day"; and

13 WHEREAS, Twenty years passed before the first "National
14 Police Memorial Day" was recognized on May 15, 1982; and

15 WHEREAS, May 15 has continued to be observed annually in
16 memory of those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice
17 in the line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
19 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
20 Commonwealth; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
22 memories of Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, Officer Isabel Nazario,
23 Sergeant Michael Weigand, Jr., Sergeant Patrick McDonald,
24 Officer David Tome, Officer Nathaniel Burnfield, Sergeant
25 Timothy Simpson, Special Agent Samuel Hicks, Officer Chris
26 Jones, Officer John Pawlowski, Officer Eric G. Kelly, Officer
27 Stephen J. Mayhle and Officer Paul J. Sciullo, II, the law
28 enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in
29 this Commonwealth in the past year, and recognize May 15, 2009,
30 as "National Police Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.