

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 853 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, D. COSTA, NEILSON, SONNEY, DUSH, MATZIE, WALSH, HARKINS, METZGAR, BURNS, SCHLEGEL CULVER, B. MILLER, M. K. KELLER, HENNESSEY, STEPHENS, SCHLOSSBERG, CORBIN, MILLARD, DONATUCCI, ENGLISH, CHARLTON, W. KELLER, MUSTIO, MACKENZIE, WARREN, DAVIS, McCLINTON, READSHAW, RYAN, BIZZARRO, DiGIROLAMO, LONGIETTI, COX, SAINATO, TOOHIL, KINSEY, BARBIN, WENTLING, DUNBAR, A. HARRIS, CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, MURT, DAY, STAATS, TOEPEL, CAUSER, MARSHALL, R. BROWN, MARSICO, J. McNEILL, HICKERNELL, MULLERY, ORTITAY, SAYLOR, MENTZER, BARRAR, PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, DRISCOLL, SCHWEYER, WHEELAND, HEFFLEY, EVERETT, OBERLANDER, DEASY, DALEY, CONKLIN, WATSON, GOODMAN AND BRADFORD, APRIL 19, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 19, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who gave their
 2 lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and
 3 recognizing the memorial service in their honor at the
 4 Pennsylvania State Museum in the City of Harrisburg on May 7,
 5 2018.

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Scott A. Moyer, Police Officer Shawn
 7 D. Rager, Police Officer Brian D. Shaw and Trooper Michael P.
 8 Stewart III made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Scott A. Moyer of the Lehigh County
 10 Sheriff's Office suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after
 11 apprehending a man during a warrant service; and

12 WHEREAS, Police Officer Shawn D. Rager, who served with the
 13 City of Johnstown for 24 years, died of natural causes; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Rager was an original member of the SERT
2 Team with the position of sniper and a detective with the
3 Cambria County Drug Task Force; and

4 WHEREAS, Police Officer Brian D. Shaw of the New Kensington
5 Police Department was shot and killed while making a traffic
6 stop; and

7 WHEREAS, The driver of the vehicle fled on foot during the
8 stop then opened fire on Officer Shaw as he pursued the driver;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Michael P. Stewart III served with the
11 Pennsylvania State Police for three years; and

12 WHEREAS, Trooper Stewart was killed in a vehicle collision on
13 State Route 711 at the State Route 271 split in Ligonier
14 Township, Westmoreland County; and

15 WHEREAS, Trooper Stewart's patrol SUV was traveling
16 southbound when a garbage truck attempted to turn left onto the
17 roadway in front of it, causing a collision; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, On October 1, 1962, Joint Resolution 730 of the 87th
23 Congress of the United States was signed, authorizing the
24 President of the United States to proclaim May 15 of each year
25 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day"; and

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

28 WHEREAS, May 15 continues to be observed annually in memory
29 of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the
30 line of duty; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
2 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
3 Commonwealth; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
5 memories of Deputy Sheriff Scott A. Moyer, Police Officer Shawn
6 D. Rager, Police Officer Brian D. Shaw and Trooper Michael P.
7 Stewart III; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 memorial service in their honor at the Pennsylvania State Museum
10 in the City of Harrisburg on May 7, 2018.