
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 227 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, KNOWLES, BIZZARRO, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
COX, T. DAVIS, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, GROVE,
HANBIDGE, HARKINS, HILL-EVANS, IRVIN, JOZWIAK, KINSEY, KORTZ,
LONGIETTI, MARKOSEK, McCLINTON, MILLARD, MULLINS, MURT,
NEILSON, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, RYAN, SAYLOR, SNYDER, SONNEY
AND STAATS, APRIL 15, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Milan Barber, who gave his life
2 protecting others, and extending condolences to his family.

3 WHEREAS, Milan Barber was born in Steelton in 1920 to Serbian
4 immigrants who came through Ellis Island in 1910; and

5 WHEREAS, He enlisted in the United States Navy the day after
6 Pearl Harbor was attacked and served as a machinist's mate on
7 the naval destroyer U.S.S. Henry A. Wiley; and

8 WHEREAS, The destroyer and its crew made many contributions
9 to the South Pacific Campaign, including a critical supporting
10 role in the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

11 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Barber spent time as an
12 instructor of engine room mechanics at the United States Naval
13 Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and

14 WHEREAS, He later became a police officer for the borough of
15 Minersville, Schuylkill County; and

1 WHEREAS, While on the night shift of June 19, 1970, Officer
2 Barber and his partner observed an individual trying to steal a
3 vehicle at Rothermel's Dairy; and

4 WHEREAS, As they attempted to arrest the suspect, a struggle
5 ensued and Officer Barber was overpowered; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Barber suffered a fatal heart attack and
7 passed away that night; and

8 WHEREAS, He was the only officer to die in the line of duty
9 in the history of the Minersville Borough Police Department; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2017, Officer Barber received a Congressional
11 Commendation with his story entered into the Congressional
12 Record on March 9, 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, Also that year, his name was engraved on the
14 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Barber's photo and story is on display at
17 the National Law Enforcement Museum's Hall of Remembrance in
18 Washington, DC; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Barber's name will also be engraved on the
20 Memorial Wall of the American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville,
21 Florida; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
23 and service of Milan Barber, who gave his life protecting
24 others, and extend condolences to his family; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 Officer Barber's family in Minersville, Pennsylvania.