

September 7, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: Representative Vanessa Lowery Brown

RE: Condolence Resolutions Honoring Moses Walker Jr. and Kathryn Battle

In the near future, I plan to introduce two condolence resolutions that honor two Philadelphia Police Officers who served the City and the Commonwealth well during their careers and who recently passed away.

The first resolution will honor Officer Moses Walker Jr. who died in the line of duty when he was shot and killed on Aug. 18, 2012 while walking home from his "last out" shift at North Philadelphia's 22nd District. Walker Jr., 40, served the City of Philadelphia and its citizens honorably for more than 19 years. He always showed great respect and kindness as a Police Officer and wore badge No. 2553 with honor. Officer Walker was tragically gunned down on August 18, 2012 as he walked home from his "last out" shift at North Philadelphia's 22nd District. He had served as a "turnkey" responsible for lockup at the 22nd District – one of the city's toughest – during "last out," the overnight shift.

The second resolution will honor of Officer Kathryn Battle, who passed away at the age of 57 on September 3, 2012. Officer Battle joined the Philadelphia Police Department in 1987 and served with the 17th Police District and as an undercover narcotics officer before transferring to the 12th Police District. At the 12th District, Officer Battle served as a Homicide Victims' Assistance Specialist for the past ten years. In that position, Officer Battle served the families of homicide victims and strove to show her clients the human side of the police department.

Both officers will be greatly missed by the City, the Commonwealth, their families; other loved ones and their friends. Both greatly earned great accolades.

I hope you all will join me in cosponsoring the resolutions. You can add your name to either or both resolutions by contacting Cameron Texter in the Democratic Office of Member Services at ctexter@pahouse.net. Thank you.