

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

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 in Soldiers'
4 Grove at the State Capitol Complex on May 6, 2013.

5 WHEREAS, The following law enforcement officers have made the
6 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on the following dates:
7 Trooper First Class Blake T. Coble, Pennsylvania State Police,
8 October 4, 2012; Police Officer Bradley Fox, Plymouth Township
9 Police Department, September 13, 2012; Police Officer Moses
10 Walker, Jr., Philadelphia Police Department, August 18, 2012;
11 Police Officer Brian Lorenzo, Philadelphia Police Department,
12 July 8, 2012; and Police Officer Avery Freeman, Chester Police
13 Department, April 30, 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a
15 total of 731 officers who, through the year 2012, made the
16 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within
17 this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, A Venango County constable who died in April 1825 is

1 believed to be the first officer to have given his life in the
2 line of duty in this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
20 memories of the following law enforcement officers who gave
21 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth in 2012:
22 Trooper First Class Blake T. Coble, Police Officer Bradley Fox,
23 Police Officer Moses Walker, Jr., Police Officer Brian Lorenzo
24 and Police Officer Avery Freeman; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 memorial service in their honor in Soldiers' Grove at the State
27 Capitol Complex on May 6, 2013.