

## 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 Forum  
4 Auditorium in the City of Harrisburg on May 5, 2014.

5 WHEREAS, Patrolman William J. "Jerry" McCarthy IV and  
6 Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax made the ultimate sacrifice in the  
7 line of duty in 2013; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2013, Patrolman William J. "Jerry"  
9 McCarthy IV was tragically killed when the vehicle he was  
10 pursuing crashed into his police cruiser; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 22, 2013, after encountering an accident on  
12 the way home from his shift, Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax lost  
13 his life after being electrocuted while heroically attempting to  
14 assist at the scene of the accident; and

15 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a  
16 total of 733 officers who, through the year 2013, made the  
17 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within  
18 this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
21 memories of Patrolman William J. "Jerry" McCarthy IV and  
22 Patrolman Daniel "J.J." Lomax who gave their lives in the line  
23 of duty in this Commonwealth in 2013; and be it further

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
25 memorial service in their honor at the Forum Auditorium in the  
26 City of Harrisburg on May 5, 2014.