

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the June 26, 1964, dynamite  
2 explosion in Marshalls Creek, Middle Smithfield Township,  
3 Monroe County, that claimed the lives of three Marshalls  
4 Creek Fire Company firefighters.

5 WHEREAS, On June 26, 1964, a tractor trailer carrying the  
6 oxidizing ingredient in fertilizer, partially gelatin dynamite  
7 and blasting caps, caught on fire along Route 209 in Marshalls  
8 Creek, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the Marshalls Creek Fire Company  
10 responded to a call for fire assistance at the site; and

11 WHEREAS, As they attempted to extinguish the blaze, the  
12 trailer exploded, killing volunteer firefighters Francis Earl  
13 Miller, Leonard Mosier and Edward Hines; and

14 WHEREAS, The explosion also took the lives of three other  
15 people and injured ten other individuals; and

16 WHEREAS, There was also property damage to three fire trucks,  
17 a hotel, a reptile farm and the Middle Smithfield Elementary  
18 School; and

1       WHEREAS, This incident and others led to enactment of the  
2 Transportation Safety Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-633, 88 Stat.  
3 2156) which law, among other things, requires placards to be  
4 visible on trailers carrying certain hazardous materials; and

5       WHEREAS, The relevant provisions of the Federal law are  
6 contained at 49 U.S.C. Ch. 51 (relating to transportation of  
7 hazardous material); and

8       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is deeply enriched by the  
9 dedication, protection and assumption of personal risk that  
10 volunteer firefighters give to our communities; therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 50th anniversary of the June 26, 1964, dynamite explosion in  
13 Marshalls Creek, Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, that  
14 claimed the lives of three Marshalls Creek Fire Company  
15 firefighters.