

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

**RESOLUTION**

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<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
<b>Date</b> _____	20 _____
<b>Reported</b> _____	20 _____
<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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<b>By Hon.</b> _____	

## 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 May 2, 2016.

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Eric A. Eslary, Detective Paul John  
6 Koropal, Sergeant Sheryl A. Pierce, Police Officer Lloyd Reed,  
7 Jr., Patrolman John James Wilding and Police Officer Robert  
8 Wilson III paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2015, Lieutenant Eric A. Eslary of the  
10 Ligonier Township Police Department, Westmoreland County, was  
11 killed in an accident when his patrol vehicle was struck by a  
12 van driving the wrong way on a divided highway; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to the fatality of Lieutenant Eslary,  
14 his canine partner suffered serious injury and underwent surgery  
15 and the two occupants of the van were critically injured; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Eslary had served the Ligonier Township  
17 Police Department for 17 years; and

18 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2015, Detective Paul John Koropal of the

1 Allegheny County District Attorney's Office - Investigative  
2 Division, suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in  
3 serving multiple search warrants, as part of a Federal narcotics  
4 task force in Fayette County; and

5 WHEREAS, Detective Koropal had served with the Allegheny  
6 County District Attorney's Office for 18 years and was assigned  
7 to the Pennsylvania State Police Auto Theft Task Force; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 14, 2013, Sergeant Sheryl A. Pierce of  
9 the South Londonderry Township Police Department, Lebanon  
10 County, died as a result of Hepatitis C, which she contracted in  
11 1994 while subduing a man who was bleeding profusely; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Pierce had served with the South  
13 Londonderry Township Police Department for 13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 28, 2015, Police Officer Lloyd Reed,  
15 Jr., of the St. Clair Township Police Department, Westmoreland  
16 County, was shot and killed while responding to a domestic  
17 disturbance call at a residence; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite being wounded by the suspect, Officer Reed  
19 was able to return fire and wound the subject, who was later  
20 arrested by the Pennsylvania State Police; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Reed had served the St. Clair Township  
22 Police Department for five years and had a total of 25 years'  
23 experience as a law enforcement officer; and

24 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2015, Patrolman John James Wilding of  
25 the Scranton Police Department, Lackawanna County, succumbed to  
26 a serious head injury sustained the previous night while  
27 pursuing on foot three juveniles suspected of having stolen a  
28 vehicle; and

29 WHEREAS, All three juveniles were arrested and charged as  
30 adults with robbery, terroristic threats and recklessly

1 endangering another person; and

2 WHEREAS, Patrolman Wilding had served with the Scranton  
3 Police Department for one year; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2015, Police Officer Robert Wilson III  
5 of the Philadelphia Police Department was shot and killed in a  
6 shoot-out when he and his partner interrupted a robbery by two  
7 men at a video games store; and

8 WHEREAS, As he drew fire away from customers and employees,  
9 Police Officer Wilson was fatally struck three times and, as the  
10 suspects exited the store, they engaged in a shoot-out with his  
11 partner before they were arrested and charged with Police  
12 Officer Wilson's murder; and

13 WHEREAS, Police Officer Wilson had served with the  
14 Philadelphia Police Department for eight years; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order  
29 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this  
30 Commonwealth; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
2 memories of Lieutenant Eric A. Eslary, Detective Paul John  
3 Koropal, Sergeant Sheryl A. Pierce, Police Officer Lloyd Reed,  
4 Jr., Patrolman John James Wilding and Police Officer Robert  
5 Wilson III, who gave their lives in the line of duty in this  
6 Commonwealth; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
8 memorial service in their honor at the Forum Auditorium in the  
9 City of Harrisburg May 2, 2016.