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WEDNESDAY, April 21, 2010

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend WILLIAM ELLSWORTH, Pastor of Faith United Church of Christ, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

O God, we come before You today and ask that You would bless this Assembly and this time together. We praise You for giving us the opportunity to be part of Your work and for giving us the means to bring it about. In so doing, help us recognize our service to the people of this Commonwealth. We ask that You would remove any barrier that stands between us and You and each other. Tune our senses to what You want us to hear today, and prepare our hearts and minds and spirits to be in touch and in tune with Your will.

May we be reminded of the discipline of patience in this time in our history as a State and as a nation, when there is so much impatience all around us. There is so much to do, and it seems that there is so little time in which to do what is needed. But let us not attempt to look for quick and easy fixes. Instead, may we make choices and come to decisions that reflect our study of the issues, our understanding of the consequences, and the necessary deliberation that uses our collective wisdom and political experience to improve the well-being of the citizens of today and those who come after us. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Ellsworth, who is the guest today of Senator Browne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Aging and Youth to meet during today's Session to consider Senate Bill No. 699.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Ward, and a legislative leave for Senator Pippy.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Farnese, Senator Logan, Senator Mellow, and Senator Washington.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Ward, and a legislative leave for Senator Pippy.

Senator O'Pake requests legislative leaves for Senator Farnese, Senator Logan, Senator Mellow, and Senator Washington.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator O'PAKE asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator MUSTO, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 17, 2010, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 17, 2010.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wozniak
Earl	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to have two fourth-grade classes of students here from Mooreland Elementary School in the Carlisle Area School District. They are accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Karen Lyter and Mrs. Rachael Berger; aides; and parents. Please give them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vance please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, there are two very important people up there who are part of this group from Mooreland Elementary School, and I would like the Senate to pay special attention to the fact that we have the wife and daughter of our Chief Counsel, C.J. Hafner, there, and he is very proud of his 10-year-old daughter, Jamie, and his wife, Jody, who was a former staff person for the late Senator Jim Romanelli. So we thank them for sharing C.J. with us, and we ask the Senate of Pennsylvania to say thanks by saluting and giving applause to Jody and Jamie Hafner.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator O'Pake please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to ask the Senate to recognize a constituent from my district, Mr. Ken Gioffre of Huntingdon Valley, who has traveled here today to witness the Senate's consideration of a resolution I am offering that designates the month of May 2010 as "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

In 2006, Mr. Gioffre shared with me his desire to help promote greater public awareness of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. His son, Nick, was diagnosed with Crohn's at age 10. Fortunately, in Nick's case, the disease has been controlled through medication without surgery, but this has not always been the case with other patients. Nick is now doing well and is a junior at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Crohn's and colitis are chronic diseases that cause inflammation of the digestive and gastrointestinal tract and are incurable conditions but are often controllable with the right treatment, dietary regimen, and careful monitoring. These conditions affect

Pennsylvanians of all ages and from all walks of life. Mr. Gioffre has requested adoption of this resolution again, as in prior years, to continue to increase public awareness of Crohn's disease and colitis. I am glad that he could travel here today to observe the Senate's consideration of this resolution.

With that, I would like, now, to ask that the Senate give its usual warm welcome to my guest, Mr. Ken Gioffre.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Greenleaf please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I also have some fourth and sixth graders visiting the Capitol today. They have had a marvelous time here and appreciate the beauty of this Capitol building. Their parents here, Christy Ronca and Barbara Purcell, joined with some of their children and other students, Michael and Melina Ronca, Ciara Purcell, Amanda Wagner, Melissa Ward, Maura Schray, and Alexis Calcao. They are all here today, and I want to give them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Boscola please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 888 (Pr. No. 1774) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridges on Route 28 in the Boroughs of Etna and Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Memorial Bridges; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 888?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 888.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Orie.

Senator ORIE. Mr. President, I rise to ask for an affirmative vote. I think when the Members in this hall today hear about the heroism of Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel and his son, the heroism will reverberate in this noble body. Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel was a recipient of the Medal of Honor, one of only 27 in Pennsylvania. His service to this country spanned three wars - World War II, the Korean War, and the

Vietnam War. He was born near Pittsburgh in the town of Etna, and at the age of 19, he joined what was then the Army Air Corps. That was just 10 months prior to Pearl Harbor, and by 1945, he was a captain flying B-29 Superfortress bombers in the war against Japan.

Novosel was a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves and went back on active duty to again serve his country during the Korean War. In 1963, Novosel was working as a commercial airline pilot when a deep sense of patriotism called him to return to military service. By then, he was 42, and the Air Force did not have space for any more officers in the upper ranks. It was then that Novosel made the decision to give up his rank of lieutenant colonel in the Air Force to join the Army and fly helicopters as a chief warrant officer with the elite Special Forces Aviation section.

He served his first tour in Vietnam flying medevac helicopters with the 283d Medical Detachment. His second tour in Vietnam was with the 82d Medical Detachment. And during the war, Novosel flew 2,543 missions and extracted 5,589 wounded personnel, among them his own son, Michael J. Novosel, Jr. The following week, Michael J. Novosel, Jr., returned the favor to his father by extracting him when he was shot down.

On the morning of October 2, 1969, he set out to evacuate a group of South Vietnamese soldiers who were surrounded by the enemy near the Cambodian border. The soldiers' radio communication was lost, and their ammunition expended. Without air cover or fire support, Novosel flew at low altitudes while he and his medic and crew yanked the wounded men on board. He completed 15 hazardous extractions, was wounded in a barrage of enemy fire, and momentarily lost control of his helicopter that day. But when it was over, he had rescued 29 soldiers. For his actions, he received the nation's highest award for valor in combat, the Medal of Honor.

Novosel retired in 1985 after serving as a military aviator for 42 years. He was the last World War II military aviator in the United States to remain on active duty. Novosel died April 2, 2006, and was buried on April 13, 2006, at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors.

I am saddened to report that his son, Michael Novosel, Jr., passed away this past December. Chief Warrant Officer Novosel, like his father before him, served our nation with tremendous bravery and honor in the United States Army. Novosel was involved in advocating on behalf of wounded and disabled veterans and created the Michael J. Novosel Foundation in memory of his heroic father.

Mr. President, on behalf of these two American heroes, I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh

Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wozniak
Earll	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Ward has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 507 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 961 (Pr. No. 3563) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling fee, further providing for recycling fee for municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
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Earll	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 975, SB 1023 and SB 1024 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1246 (Pr. No. 1703) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing Horsham Township, Montgomery County, to convey and transfer a fee interest in certain Project 70 land free of restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other land to be acquired by the township.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
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Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1300 and HB 1720 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2003 (Pr. No. 2882) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge in the Borough of Hatboro (now designated as Bridge Management I.D. No. 46/0263/0050/0057) over Pennypack Creek as the PFC Joseph J. Lannon, Jr., USMC Memorial Bridge.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
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Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 288 (Pr. No. 1864) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for plumbing contractors licensure; establishing the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and providing for its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; establishing fees, fines and civil penalties; creating the Plumbing Contractors Licensure Account; and making an appropriation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

HB 1041 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 9 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 67 (Pr. No. 3419) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "interactive wireless communications device"; further providing for junior driver's license and for suspension of operating privilege; prohibiting interactive wireless communications devices; and further providing for accident report forms, for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports, for television equipment, for general requirements for other vehicles transporting school children and for restraint systems.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 90 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 115 (Pr. No. 2093) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for an exception to the interlocking business prohibition; further exempting certain hotels from certain requirements; and further providing for responsible alcohol management.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 117 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 174 (Pr. No. 676) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, further providing for membership of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board; and establishing the Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 214, SB 291, SB 351, HB 422, SB 620, SB 629, SB 672, HB 687, SB 771, SB 918, SB 944, SB 1026, SB 1155, SB 1176, SB 1184, HB 1187, SB 1192, SB 1196, HB 1196, SB 1197, SB 1221, SB 1237, SB 1245, SB 1249 and HB 1641 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator WAUGH.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2070 (Pr. No. 3439) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.; defining "interactive wireless communication device"; prohibiting use of interactive wireless communication device; and further providing for duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors, for duty of driver in emergency response areas, for accident report forms, for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports and for applicability and uniformity of title.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, LOGAN, WARD, BAKER, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, TOMLINSON, FONTANA, PICCOLA, EARLL, VOGEL, FARNESE, KASUNIC, MENSCH, SMUCKER, FOLMER, M. WHITE, ORIE, O'PAKE, MELLOW, GORDNER, FERLO, PIPPY, LEACH, GREENLEAF, COSTA, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, BRUBAKER and MUSTO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 316**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 9 through 15, 2010, as "National Police Week" and May 3, 2010, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, on Monday, May 3, I and my friend and colleague, Senator Stack, will be joining you, Mr. President, and a number of other officials outside the Capitol as a salute to National Police Week. And during that ceremony, we will be joining the statewide F.O.P. in honoring seven fallen police officers for the year 2009.

Once again, Mr. President, we, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, carry a heavy heart for those seven officers who gave their lives for our personal freedoms, liberties, and the protection of our property, each and every one of the fallen police officers going above and beyond what any normal person

would do to insure the safety and sanctity of life here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For them, the words "thank you" do not seem appropriate enough. Each and every day, we, the people of the Commonwealth, should show our appreciation for the men and women who wear the uniforms of the law enforcement agencies of the Commonwealth and remember in our thoughts and prayers those men and women who have given their lives over the years, particularly the seven who will be honored this year at the memorial service for giving their lives in 2009.

Mr. President, very shortly, I will ask you to recognize my friend and colleague, Senator Stack, and when he is done, instead of an affirmative vote, I ask for a moment of silence for the fallen officers. But I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. President, to read a little bit about each of the officers into the record, if I may.

Mr. President, we honor Detective Christopher Charles Jones, Middletown Township Police Department, end of watch: Thursday, January 29, 2009. Detective Chris Jones was struck and killed by a drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop on Route 1 near the I-95 interchange. He had served the Middletown Township Police Department for 10 years, and he was posthumously promoted to the rank of detective. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Philadelphia Police Officer John Pawlowski, end of watch: Friday, February 13, 2009. Officer John Pawlowski was shot and killed after responding to a dispute between a cab driver and a male. Officer Pawlowski served the Philadelphia Police Department for 5 1/2 years. He is survived by his expecting wife. His brother also serves in the Philadelphia Police Department, and his father is a retired Philadelphia police officer.

The Pittsburgh Police Department suffered three losses, Mr. President. Police Officer Stephen James Mayhle, end of watch: Saturday, April 4, 2009. Officer Mayhle was shot and killed after responding to a domestic disturbance call. He was shot, as were the two other officers, by a suspect who was firing an AK-47 and purposely aiming at the police officers. Officer Mayhle had served the Pittsburgh Police Department for 2 years and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Officer Paul John Rizzo Domenic Sciuillo, end of duty: Saturday, April 4, 2009, again, of the Pittsburgh Police Department. Officer Sciuillo was shot and killed after responding to a domestic disturbance call. He had served the Pittsburgh Police Department for 2 years.

Police Officer Eric Guy Kelly, Pittsburgh Police Department, end of watch: Saturday, April 4, 2009. Officer Kelly was shot and killed after responding to assist Officer Mayhle and Officer Sciuillo, who had been shot and killed at the scene of a domestic disturbance. Officer Kelly was off duty and was returning home after his shift, heard the call, and his instincts as a trained police officer led him to the scene to assist his fellow officers. Officer Kelly had served the Pittsburgh Police Department for 14 years. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Trooper Joshua Daniel Miller, end of watch: Sunday, June 7, 2009. Trooper Joshua Miller was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend a kidnapping suspect. Trooper Miller, along with the members of the Pennsylvania State Police, assisted members of the New York City Police Department in the capture of two men who killed a police officer and wounded his partner during a stop in Brooklyn. So he was honored recently for that, was killed in the line of duty serving the Pennsylvania State Po-

lice, was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, and is survived by a wife and three daughters.

And Police Officer Michael James Crawshaw, Penn Hills Police Department, end of watch: Sunday, December 6, 2009. Officer Michael Crawshaw was shot and killed in an ambush while responding to a call on Johnston Road. Officer Crawshaw had served the Penn Hills Police Department for 2 1/2 years and previously served the University of Pittsburgh Police Department for 4 years.

Mr. President, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to these men, and we owe them our appreciation for offering themselves and making the ultimate sacrifice to protect the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Stack.

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I want to also thank my colleague, Senator Rafferty. It has been an honor to work with him the last several years on this extremely important resolution. Each year, when we gather at one of the most somber ceremonies that we have here in Harrisburg for our fallen police officers, we hope and pray that we do not have to recognize any officers ever again, but unfortunately, that is not what happens here in our State.

Since the beginning of law enforcement in Pennsylvania, 717 police officers have been killed in the line of duty. In 2009, we lost seven officers, including Philadelphia Police Officer John Pawlowski, who lived in my district in northeast Philadelphia. On February 13, 2009, as Senator Rafferty told us, Officer Pawlowski was shot and killed after responding to a dispute between a cab driver and a man who then eventually gunned the officer down. This young man was only 25 years old, and he left behind his young wife, Kim, and their unborn child.

Last August, I attended an incredibly moving ceremony where a mural featuring Officer Pawlowski's portrait was unveiled. The mural is located at Parkwood Youth Organization at the Parkwood Community Center in northeast Philadelphia, which is also in my district. And more importantly, this is where this fallen officer played basketball and soccer. At the mural unveiling, I got a chance to meet many of his friends, coaches, and teachers. It was truly a heartbreaking event, Mr. President. His wife and infant son, who is also named John, were present. To see his wife and son there, knowing that Kim endured the birth of their first child without her husband by her side, and knowing that this child would never get a chance to fully know his father, was also very heartrending. But it is also comforting to know that John's legacy will never be forgotten, and his name will carry on through their infant son.

Officer John Pawlowski and the six other officers who were killed last year were not just men who died in the line of duty. They were fathers, they were brothers, they were sons, they were our Pennsylvanians, and they will always be our heroes. Police officers across the State put their lives on the line every time they put on their uniforms and patrol our streets. As we recognize National Police Week in Pennsylvania, I know I do not even need to urge, but I urge all Pennsylvanians to thank a police officer for their efforts to keep us safe. And as we honor Police Officers' Memorial Day in Pennsylvania with the ceremony at the Capitol, may we all keep the seven fallen officers and their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

So I urge my colleagues to join Senator Rafferty and me in supporting this resolution. It is one of the most important things we can do. Thanks to my colleague, Senator Rafferty, once again, and thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. On the adoption of the resolution, all Members and guests will please rise for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth.)

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

Senators BRUBAKER, KASUNIC, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, STOUT, MUSTO, FERLO, BAKER, M. WHITE, YAW, O'PAKE, DINNIMAN, COSTA, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, ORIE, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, PIPPY and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 317**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 30, 2010, as "Arbor Day"; promoting public participation in the celebration; and further recognizing the value of trees to our environment.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Brubaker.

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, the first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, thanks to the efforts of Julius Sterling Morton, a journalist and a politician. While serving as a member of Nebraska's State Board of Agriculture, Morton proposed a special day be set aside dedicated to the planting of trees and increasing the awareness of trees in our society. The first Arbor Day was observed with the planting of over 1 million trees. One hundred and thirty years later, Julius Sterling Morton's legacy recognizing the importance of trees is celebrated throughout the United States and in countries throughout the world.

Pennsylvania annually observes Arbor Day on the last day of April as a celebration of the valuable role that trees provide to Commonwealth citizens and our environment. Trees are a valuable component of our environment. They provide natural aesthetics for landscaping; are a tool to control water, wind, and erosion; are a renewable source of fuel and lumber; and are a habitat for wildlife. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues in the State Senate to recognize the importance of trees in our environment and vote in the affirmative on this important resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators GREENLEAF, FERLO, STACK, STOUT, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, WILLIAMS, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, ORIE, DINNIMAN, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, EARLL and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 318**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2010 as "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, Crohn's and colitis are chronic diseases that cause inflammation of the digestive and gastrointestinal tract. Crohn's and colitis are incurable conditions but are often controllable with the right treatment, diet regimen, and careful monitoring. These conditions afflict Pennsylvanians of all ages and from all walks of life. As many as 1 million Americans suffer from these diseases, and 10 percent of those afflicted by Crohn's and colitis are children under the age of 18. Two-thirds of those who suffer from Crohn's and colitis will have to have surgery at some point in their lives.

Research on these often painful and life-altering conditions and support for those who suffer with them have been provided through such organizations as the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. The Philadelphia area is a well-known center for research and development for Crohn's and colitis. That said, I would like to acknowledge Dr. Robert Baldassano, who is currently a professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and director of the Center for Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease at The Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. He has been instrumental in developing an international consortium for the study of the gene responsible for causing pediatric IBD.

I ask that this resolution be adopted. It will increase public awareness of these diseases and the suffering they cause, acknowledge the impact that these diseases have on patients and families, and recognize the research for treatments and cures for these conditions. The resolution also urges all Pennsylvanians to learn more about these diseases. I ask for support for this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators GREENLEAF, STACK, MUSTO, ORIE, STOUT, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, KITCHEN, FONTANA, LOGAN, FERLO, PIPPY, PILEGGI, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, TARTAGLIONE, BAKER, GORDNER, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, WAUGH, EARLL, SMUCKER, BRUBAKER and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 319**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2010 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, the resolution I offer designates May 2010 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted primarily by ticks. Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases

pose a serious threat to the quality of life of many Pennsylvanians, with the frequency of diagnosed and reported Lyme disease cases increasing dramatically over the past several years. In the United States from 2006 to 2008, there was a 77-percent increase in total reported cases of Lyme disease. Pennsylvania posted a 113-percent increase in reported cases in 2009 from the previous year, and during 2009, Pennsylvania ranked first in the nation, with 8,087 reported cases of Lyme disease, making up 27 percent of all reported cases in the United States.

Lyme disease can cause early symptoms such as rash or flu-like symptoms, fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue, which can easily be misdiagnosed. If not caught early, Lyme disease can lead to chronic, debilitating illness and is very difficult to eradicate. The early clinical diagnosis and appropriate treatment of these tick-borne disorders and diseases can greatly reduce the risk of continued, diverse, and chronic symptoms, which can affect every system and organ in the human body and often every aspect of life. That being said, I ask for support for the adoption of this resolution.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 320**, entitled:

A Resolution proclaiming April 2010 as the "Month of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise this afternoon to offer the following resolution declaring April as the "Month of the Young Child." The Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, works to improve early childhood education, which is critical to the growth and healthy development of young children.

As all of us know, Mr. President, the majority of what we learn in life in the development of our cognitive abilities occurs in the early part of childhood, most by the age of 3. Over the past several years, Mr. President, Pennsylvania has taken very important steps in providing additional funding to early learning for children before they enter school. Education and development for children before the age of 5 is vitally important to what they learn and how they will perform throughout their entire learning career.

By declaring April as the Month of the Young Child, we recognize the importance of early childhood education programs in our Commonwealth and in our country. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in adopting this resolution and encourage all of the residents in this Commonwealth to support early childhood education programs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, STACK, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, DINNIMAN, MUSTO, FARNESE, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, VANCE, McILHINNEY, FERLO, FONTANA, LOGAN and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 321**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 40th annual celebration of Earth Day, which will be on April 22, 2010.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, this Thursday, April 22, is the 40th celebration of Earth Day and is a watershed moment. What started out as just an attempt to remind Americans of the damage being done to the earth through pollution quickly became a success, as over 20 million people participated in the very first Earth Day. This year, Earth Day will be celebrated in over 190 countries throughout the world. Closer to home, there are dozens of events being planned throughout our Commonwealth.

Mr. President, if one thinks of the basics of Earth Day, which is the celebration of inanimate objects that have always been a part of our lives, it is amazing that so many people have found ways to make Earth Day a very personal and solemn day for them. Cleanup projects, rehabilitating parks and homes, planting trees and flowers, and just communing with nature are some of the things that will take place over the next several days. On this Earth Day, we should all dedicate ourselves to the work yet to be done. There are streams and waterways that are not clean enough for the plants and animals that used to reside there. The damage done by previous generations who were less concerned about the interconnecting ecosystems that make up Penn's Woods is sadly still very evident.

We should also spend this Earth Day remembering environmental pioneers like United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, who developed the concept of Earth Day, and Rachel Carson and Jacques Cousteau, who did so much to alert the public of the dangers that were destroying our environment. It was President Theodore Roosevelt who fought so hard to protect some of the most spectacular lands in the country through the establishment of the National Park Service, and President Richard Nixon signed the law creating the Environmental Protection Agency.

These people and many others have changed the discussion to make the impact on the environment part of our everyday decisionmaking process. It is because of the better understanding of the importance of the environment that the ongoing Marcellus Shale discussion taking place in this building is usually one of balance. The goal is to balance the needs of the natural gas drillers with the environmental concerns of their activities.

Our environment is much cleaner today, Mr. President, than it was in the 1960s, prior to the first Earth Day, and we should celebrate those victories as we begin to work and deal with what

lies ahead. Mr. President, I leave this resolution at the desk for the Senators who would like to join on as cosponsors.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators STACK, STOUT, FARNESE, WARD, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, D. WHITE, PIPPY, EARLL, PILEGGI and WASHINGTON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 322**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing sympathy for the people of Poland in the aftermath of the devastating plane crash that killed the country's President, First Lady and 94 other high-ranking government, military and civic leaders on April 10, 2010.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Stack.

Senator STACK. Mr. President, in this resolution, I am asking that we express sympathy to the people of Poland in the wake of the tragic plane crash that killed their President and many high-ranking government, military, and civic leaders. I had a chance to visit Poland a few years ago. It is a beautiful country with very robust people, and I know that they are heartbroken.

Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 other people—including Poland's first lady, the deputy foreign minister, dozens of members of Parliament, the chiefs of their armed forces, and the president of the national bank—were tragically killed in a plane crash in western Russia on April 10. The President and his colleagues were traveling to Katyn, Russia, for a memorial service to mark the 70th anniversary of the killing of more than 20,000 Polish officers, prisoners, and intellectuals who were captured after the Soviet Union invaded Poland in 1939.

As an ally and friend to Poland, America shares a bond and a history of friendship and international cooperation with this great European country. Polish immigrants were amongst the first Jamestown settlers, and Polish generals Casimir Pulaski and Tadeusz Kosciuszko fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War. Millions of Americans of Polish descent reside in the United States, and more than 2 million reside right here in Pennsylvania, bringing vitality and history to the Commonwealth, from the traditional Polish neighborhoods of Philadelphia to the northeast coal region to the western steel towns.

So it is fitting that we as Pennsylvanians also share our deepest sympathy, our thoughts, and our prayers with the grieving Polish people. Therefore, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincerest condolences to the people of Poland on their tragic loss. I also will leave this resolution at the desk for Members to cosponsor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Monsignor Anthony F. Wassel, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Becker, Craig R. Morgan, Jerry Teter, Emerson Musser, Orwigsburg Lions Club, Marian Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team and to the Brockton Fire Company by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Rivenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jobst, Jr., Cameron Joseph Pall, Amanda Ruppert, Brian Jay Lawall, Ida M. Watlack and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob Reeves Taylor, Anna Wiczena and to Harry Clewell by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sheilah Stevens, Stephanie Wain, Alexandra DeHaas, Justin Mazza, Carly Torgersen, Jordan Fritchman and to Anthony Thompson by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Richard T. Grucela, the Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Dooley, Bartholomew Woodrow, Louise Auchenbach, Sandra A. Brown, Charmaine Collins, Anna Rose Drago, Phyllis Fisher, Marjorie George, Janet Harris, Janet Hancock Miller, Edward K. Rohrbach and to the Mid-County Senior Center Sewing Group of Bath by Senators Boscola and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gerry Farkas, Lamont Ebbert, Scott Saylor, Nate Hobgood-Chittick, George Atiyeh and to the Northampton Area High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fehr, Dr. Edward Steers, Jr., Betty Hoch, Allentown Symphony Orchestra, PPL EnergyPlus, LLC, of Allentown, and to Weisenberg Elementary School of Kutztown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Julie Harhart, Susan Rutt, Kathy McAuley, Kenneth F. Raniere, Rigo Peralta, Barry Glassman, Lydia Panas, Chen Arts Group and to Just Born, Inc., by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael R. Fitz, Kent A. Williams, Alex Flick, Mark Thomas Shifflet, John T. Bourassa, Conner M. Smith, Holy Trinity Church of Columbia and to the Dart Container Corporation of Leola by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brubaker Farms of Mount Joy by Senators Brubaker and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Lancaster County Conservation District by Senators Brubaker and Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Chris A. Bloom, Colbey Russell, Kyle Praskovich, Thomas James Berrier, Suzanne Brown, John Pannizzo and to Sharon Charles by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Carl J. Gentile, Dr. Yram Groff, Dr. Howard M. Elson, Elizabeth Dillinger, Jennifer L. Brown, Isadora Silk and to Jeff Rosenthal by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief James R. McGowan III, John A. Felicetti, Jason P. Brooks, Michael Gerisch, William T. Hackmeister, Jr., John P. Townes, Michael P. Murphy, Jr., Gregory D. Lewis, Jr., Doris Zelina, Robert A. Hotchkiss, Jr., Michael Peich, Immaculata University Alumni Association and to Pomeroy Fire Department No. 1 by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Andrew John Kwasny, Leann Krysiak, Brett L. Peters, Kayla McBride and to the Parliament of Georgia by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Francis J. Meloy, Al Beerbower, Paula L. Singer, George S. Mahon, Barbara Luckner, Patricia A. Labriola, Carl L. Longo and to Joseph Shuta by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander J. Vogt, Alexander S. Mauer and to Roy Peterman Keeler III by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean, James Page Eaton, Caitlin Zurcher and to the New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Pittsburgh by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephanie Horvat, Stephen Dietrich, John Yalch and to Melody Gable by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Russell J. Maurer, John Michael Dubensky and to Mildred Maker by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sandri, Dr. Jack H. Mistifer, Dr. Michael G. Wolford, Sheri D. Cope Mann, Susette Zaginaylo Goff, Al Cihocki and to M. Paige Raski by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ruth M. Damsker, Gregory Hughes McDonough, Nicholas V. Iaquinto, Janet Hartzel, Jane Neiger, Edith McLay and to Martin J. Ashdale by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Garth G. Gittens and to the Reverend Matthew Miles Williams, Sr., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caitlyn Hamelinck and to the Chestnut Ridge Community Volunteer Fire Company of Stahlstown by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carolyn G. Jones and to Phillip Leroy Beasley by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seres, Marty Eckert and to Carolyn Nickels by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Maureen McArdle, Katie Schreckengost, Kristie Omecinski and to Paulette Bradford by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Duane E. Hasenauer, Richard W. Frederick, Nancy H. Cipolla and to Joyce A. Mundy by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Alexander Clum, Cole Foster McDonnell, John C. Guzek, Mathew Louis Fiegleman, Susan Patte and to the Scranton Preparatory School Mock Trial Team by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Edlo Piccoletti, Jonathan Claude Zimmerman and to Timothy Joseph Mlodzienski by Senators Mellow and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Raymond Strickland, Zac M. Brass, Maggie Eberwein, Merrill

Saylor, Lon Brinckman II, Eva Reidelbach, Hilda Batarick, Lena Yaich, Martine A. Beahn, Corrine S. Passmore, Nancy Helper, Elaine E. Charron, Putt U Miniature Golf of Center Valley and to Nature's Way of Easton by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and leaders of the DeSales University Emergency Medical Services Team by Senators Mensch and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Glenn Hull, Jr., and to Dennis Leister by Senators Mensch and O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Kenneth M. Malia, Charlene Harwood, Deborah Malia, Constance Rodski, Theodore Sokolowski, Barbara Zaborney, Janice Zerfoss, Thomas Pierontoni, Margaret Johnson, Charlotte Antolik and to Carmella Garzella by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Monsignor Joseph P.T. Smith and to the Reverend Jay Fox by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lance Corporal David Joseph Harris, Marie Lyons, Patrick Tegge, Roscoe M. Mulvey, Jr., Jacob T. Brown, Jerry Feldman and to the Hampton High School Boys' Basketball Team of Allison Park by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alfred S. Pelaez by Senators Orie and Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kimberly Elter, Capital Area Greenbelt Association of Harrisburg and to the Tour de Belt of Harrisburg by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elsie L. Caldwell, Charles A. Bishop, Theodore F. Hawkins, Jr., Ciaran Henry Persch and to the Council of United Polish Societies of Chester by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Delaware County Community College by Senators Pileggi and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable William P. Boswell, Rita D. Hoepp, Barbara Cooley Thaw, Peter Naputano, Charles Peter McGervey III, Andrew Keith Barnhart, Vincent Michael Popovich, Jr., Markus A. Brown and to Raymond L. Billotte by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Kennedy-Kenrick Catholic High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad of East Norriton by Senator Rafferty and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dustin Joseph Steider, Sandra Buzzard, Justine Gwen Gabany, Richard John Lucas, Grace Gustafson and to the Wilmington Area High School FFA Square Dance Team by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Genesee Public Library by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nolt, Henry Breneman Stewart, Elizabeth Parra and to Amy Borgiel by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cantor and Mrs. Don Samuels, Rabbi and Mrs. Arnold Feldman and to Ernest Green by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kyle Christopher Dooley, Jeremy Hough, Vesko Kostic, Eric Bressler, Patrick Celia, Kenneth Cummings, Daniel Grimes, Blake DeCarvalho and to Bruce Iacobucci by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James R. Dowling by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kruger, Mr. and Mrs. James Leighton, the Reverend George H. DeFrehn, Benjamin Fetter, Sarah Kennedy, Diana R. Hamlin, Andrew Boynton and to the leaders and members of Girl Scout Troop 671 by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Cumberland Perry Area Vocational-Technical School NanoCar Team of Mechanicsburg by Senators Vance, Alloway, and Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Robert Okonak, Adam Berkebile, Gerald D. Lucia, Richard Pologruto, Gerald J. Lucia, Donald Fleming, William Hare, William Kristoff, Joseph Rudnik, Ryan Polidora and to the Elliott Company of Jeannette by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen E.K. Faton and to Seniors4Kids by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant Michael S. Chalk, Jean Cashman, Pauline Folk, Mary K. Klunk, Edwin Massoth, Timothy Lee Dorer, Wayne Keiser, Ryan Brown, Jared C. Artman, Benjamin K. Hassinger, Jacob Reed, Jeffrey L. Putt, Jr., Ryan J. Malamphy, Devin T. Malamphy and to York Forest No. 30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gwinn, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bandi, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Biedenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Erwood Schrecengost, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John Katunich, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rieder, Kathy Kraynick, Samantha Pickens, Christopher James Zanella and to Leora Cumberland by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marc Daniel Bush, Tyler Graham Rader, Dane Christian Hartzell, Moniteau Junior-Senior High School Eighth Grade Academic Pentathlon Team of West Sunbury and to the Moniteau Junior-Senior High School Academic Decathlon Team of West Sunbury by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Causer, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knipple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaiser, Deanna Marie Good, Lea M. Sauter and to Brandon Stevanus by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newhart, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Callear and to Tyler Kerstetter by Senator Yaw.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Trooper Thomas S. Smigielski by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Henry A. Jordan and to the family of the late Frank Joseph Giunta, Sr., by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Corporal Elliot Dean Teisler by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Reverend Robert W. Habe by Senator Orie.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following citations, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Sergeant Harold O. Messerschmidt was extended to the family by Senator Argall.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Mike Bundra was extended to the family by Senator Boscola and others.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bill:

SB 699 (Pr. No. 1888) (Amended)

An Act providing for protection of abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned adults; establishing a uniform Statewide reporting and investigative system for suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment of adults; providing for protective services; and prescribing penalties.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill was as follows:

SB 699.

And said bill having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, having had the opportunity to, with Senator Stack, read the names of the fallen police officers, I want to remind the Members of the Senate that with your help, Mr. President, and with the help of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, Senator Logan's Senate Bill No. 369, which a number of us worked on, which provided for full pension benefits for the widows or widowers of police officers or firefighters slain in the line of duty, will now come into play.

I am very thankful for the efforts of the Senate of Pennsylvania and our colleagues in the House, getting it to the Governor's desk, that we were able to honor the families of those fallen in the line of duty. And I am very mindful that it was just about a year ago that we began to work on the bill, and we did get it through in a rather quick period of time, and got the Governor's signature affixed to the legislation so the bill was able to become law to help the families of those slain in the performance of their duties in the line of duty.

So I thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, and I am mindful of this at this time of year as we honor our fallen police officers, that it is a piece of legislation that helps their memories live on with their families, knowing that the Commonwealth stands with them in their time of grief.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Williams.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am unfortunately required to rise today because of an increasing climate of

anti-Semitism at the highest levels of academia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and across this nation. The United States Commission on Civil Rights has acknowledged that the resurgence of anti-Semitic conduct on college and university campuses is a serious problem, and has recommended that the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights protect against anti-Semitic conduct through the enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

This scourge of activity is sort of flying under the radar. It concerns me greatly because, obviously, I come from a community that has felt the sting of oppression and discrimination. But further, it seems to me that in the last year, we have done more in this country to knock down any perception of barriers based upon race, gender, or ethnicity. To see that anti-Semitic feelings have evolved in this country on college campuses is not only paradoxical, but it is an oxymoron. It is absolutely polar to the example that universities should be establishing and setting across this great country. And furthermore, to see that some of the staff of the universities, some of the college professors at these universities, are participating--and they are participating to suggest that theories mimic facts--is very scary.

Anyone who has felt discrimination as a part of their lives recognizes that, historically, the larger community sort of denies it. They give a veiled consideration of ignorance. In fact, they act as if you have to prove it first before we can confirm it. So to see this, and for some of the most intellectually gifted people in this country to participate, scares me. It scares me not for my individual liberties, but it scares me for what my children, my two daughters, will receive. Because when they go to apply for a job after they graduate from college, if they happen to run into one of these young tykes who purports to be a freedom of speech person but carries these dark views in their souls, then I can guarantee one thing: this nation will decline. It will progress no further.

So today, I am proud to introduce this resolution, Senate Resolution No. 315, and hopefully, one of the committees will take it up in rapid fashion so that we as a Commonwealth can respond to this quite publicly and quite affirmatively, so that we, too, can be a part of the community that denies any type of discrimination. Nationally, and certainly in Pennsylvania, we will be a shining beacon of openness.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

Off the Floor

AGING AND YOUTH (to consider
Senate Bill No. 699)

Rules Cmte.
Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

11:00 A.M.

STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing
on Senate Bills No. 201, 684 and 1160,
reducing size of the legislature)

Penn St. Beaver
Student Union
Auditorium
100 Univ. Dr.
Monaca, PA

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, May 3, 2010, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:03 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.