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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 121 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MAYERNIK, MAY 31, 1989

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 31, 1989

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 15, 1989, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" and  
2 recognizing the week of May 14, 1989, as "Police Officers'  
3 Memorial Week."

4 WHEREAS, Law enforcement is one of the essential services  
5 provided the citizens of our great Nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Professional police officers of America have served  
7 the citizens of their community with dedication and integrity;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Although crime in all classifications continues to  
10 grow making our streets in cities and towns a common  
11 battlefield; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past decade there have been 1,200 police  
13 officers slain and thousands of police officers have been  
14 assaulted in the line of duty; and

15 WHEREAS, We read of prison releases every day because of lack  
16 of space in penal institutions which permit convicted criminals  
17 to return to the streets to continue their life of crime; and

18 WHEREAS, Because of poor economic conditions within the

1 municipalities of our Commonwealth, we have fewer professional  
2 police officers serving our citizens than a decade ago; and

3 WHEREAS, This release of criminals and shortage of police  
4 personnel has caused great stress and anxiety which has shown  
5 severe health and family relation problems within this group of  
6 dedicated public servants; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the week of May 14, 1989, be recognized as  
8 "Police Officers' Memorial Week" and that the day of May 15,  
9 1989, be recognized as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" to  
10 coincide with the resolution signed by the late President John  
11 F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962 (Public Law 87-726, 36 U.S.C. §  
12 167) dedicating the above dates to the members of law  
13 enforcement who serve their communities, especially those who  
14 have been slain in the line of duty; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
16 Governor Robert P. Casey.