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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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OCTOBER 19, 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 19, 2005

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and extending condolences for the supreme  
2 sacrifice of Private First Class Nathaniel DeTample,  
3 Pennsylvania National Guard Company A, 1st Battalion, 111th  
4 Infantry, who tragically lost his life while in the service  
5 of his country when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb near  
6 Beiji, Iraq, on August 9, 2005.

7 WHEREAS, Pfc. Nathaniel DeTample of Falls Township, grew up  
8 in Bucks County, and graduated in 2004 from Pennsbury High  
9 School, where he was on the wrestling team, was voted as the  
10 senior male "most likely to become a cop" and was described by  
11 his coach as "one of the nicest kids I've ever met"; and

12 WHEREAS, Pfc. DeTample enrolled in the criminal justice

1 program at Shippensburg University and, upon deciding to serve  
2 his country, enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard while  
3 continuing his education to fulfill his goal of becoming a  
4 police officer like his father; and

5 WHEREAS, Pfc. DeTample's unit deployed to Iraq in March 2005  
6 for the purpose of performing stability and support operations  
7 in the Beiji area 155 miles north of Baghdad; and

8 WHEREAS, Pfc. DeTample died tragically from injuries received  
9 when investigating explosions in the Beiji area of Iraq, on  
10 August 9, 2005; the Humvee in which he was riding hit a roadside  
11 bomb and his unit came under small-arms fire and rocket-  
12 propelled grenade attack from insurgents; and

13 WHEREAS, Pfc. DeTample was one of four servicepersons killed  
14 in the incident, along with two others who were injured; and

15 WHEREAS, Pfc. DeTample, beloved son of Kimberly and Glenn  
16 DeTample and brother of Staten and Victoria, was courageously  
17 serving his country and the campaign for Iraqi Enduring Freedom  
18 at the time of his death; and

19 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the tragic loss of this  
20 young man and his indomitable courage, good humor, enduring  
21 spirit, capacity to love and exemplary record of service;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
24 and extend condolences for the supreme sacrifice of Pfc.  
25 Nathaniel DeTample, who died on August 9, 2005, in Iraq while in  
26 the courageous service of his country; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn DeTample of Morrisville, Pennsylvania.