
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing profound sorrow for the death of Police Detective
2 David M. Petzold of the Upper Saucon Township Police
3 Department, who was killed in the line of duty on November 9,
4 2006.

5 WHEREAS, Before dawn broke on the morning of November 9,
6 2006, 32-year old Police Detective David M. Petzold of the Upper
7 Saucon Township Police Department happened upon a dead deer in
8 the left northbound lane of Route 309 while he patrolled the
9 township; and

10 WHEREAS, As Detective Petzold parked his patrol car on the
11 berm, engaged his emergency lights and radioed for assistance,
12 oncoming motorists observed vehicles moving into the left lane
13 to keep away from the parked police car and then swerving back
14 into the right lane upon seeing the carcass in their headlights;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Detective Petzold, while not required by State law
17 to do so, began to remove the carcass from the highway, in order
18 to safeguard others; and

1 WHEREAS, While doing so, Detective Petzold was tragically
2 struck by an oncoming car and was pronounced dead a short time
3 later at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest; and

4 WHEREAS, Detective Petzold had an illustrious career of
5 service as a police officer and as a special agent of the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

7 WHEREAS, Detective Petzold is survived by his wife, Jessica,
8 his three children, Sarah, Samantha and Jonathan, his parents,
9 Carl L. and Patricia Petzold, his sisters, Lisa Cretian, Cheryl
10 Wood and Christine Ross, his brothers, Carl Steven Petzold,
11 Joseph Petzold and Jeffrey Petzold; and by his fellow officers
12 who regarded him as a fine officer, a good friend, a gentleman
13 and a professional in all his dealings; and by a grateful and
14 bereft community; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express profound
16 sorrow for the death of Police Detective David M. Petzold of the
17 Upper Saucon Township Police Department, who was tragically
18 killed in the line of duty on November 9, 2006.