

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 835 Session of
2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 27, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs'
2 Association and its public service to this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Citizens of this Commonwealth can trace the history
4 of the Office of Sheriff to England, predating the signing of
5 the Magna Carta in 1215; and

6 WHEREAS, The Office of Sheriff is referenced in the "Frame of
7 Government of Pennsylvania," written by William Penn, the
8 founder of Pennsylvania, in 1682; and

9 WHEREAS, The Office of Sheriff has been designated in every

1 Constitution of Pennsylvania since 1776 as a constitutional
2 office and the sheriffs as constitutional officers; and

3 WHEREAS, The sheriffs of this Commonwealth in the early 20th
4 century decided to unite and form an organization to help
5 exchange information and expertise and provide training and
6 education to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1923, the General Assembly authorized the
8 Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association to organize with the mission
9 to improve the Office of Sheriff so as to better serve and
10 protect the public; and

11 WHEREAS, As an elected constitutional officer, the sheriff
12 shall ensure the peace and assist in all other law enforcement
13 activities authorized by statute; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriffs of this Commonwealth are entrusted, among
15 other duties, with the security and protection of the
16 courthouses in this State's 67 counties, the service of writs
17 and bench warrants and the transportation of prisoners; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association closely works
19 with sheriffs, other law enforcement agencies and State
20 lawmakers to improve public safety services in the communities
21 of this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs'
23 Association to provide continuous support to sheriffs who serve
24 the counties of this Commonwealth; and

25 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association is marking
26 its 85th anniversary of service to the sheriffs and citizens of
27 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association as it continues to preserve
30 the standards pertaining to the safety of and service to the

1 residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
3 Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association on the occasion of its 85th
4 anniversary.