

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 357 Session of
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, 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
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania since 1776 as a constitutional
11 office and the sheriffs as constitutional officers; and

12 WHEREAS, The sheriffs of this Commonwealth in the early 20th
13 century decided to unite and form an organization to help
14 exchange information and expertise and provide training and
15 education to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1923, the General Assembly authorized the
17 Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association to organize with the mission

1 to improve the Office of Sheriff so as to better serve and
2 protect the public; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Sheriffs of this Commonwealth are entrusted, among
7 other duties, with the security and protection of the
8 courthouses in this State's 67 counties, the service of writs
9 and bench warrants and the transportation of prisoners; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association closely works
11 with sheriffs, other law enforcement agencies and State
12 lawmakers to improve public safety services in the communities
13 of this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs'
15 Association to provide continuous support to sheriffs who serve
16 the counties of this Commonwealth; and

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

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Pennsylvania
21 Sheriffs' Association as it continues to preserve the standards
22 pertaining to the safety of and service to the residents of this
23 Commonwealth; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the Pennsylvania
25 Sheriffs' Association on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.