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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of fallen Police Officer John David Dryer, who
 2 died in the line of duty on December 19, 2011, in East
 3 Washington Borough, Washington County.

4 WHEREAS, John David Dryer, 46, of Claysville, died December
 5 19, 2011, as a result of a gunshot wound suffered in the line of
 6 duty as a police officer for the East Washington Borough,
 7 Washington County; and

8 WHEREAS, Born on February 5, 1965, in the western
 9 Pennsylvania city of Washington, he grew up on the Avella farm
 10 of his parents, JoAnn and John Dryer, and graduated from Avella
 11 High School; and

1 WHEREAS, He earned undergraduate and doctor of veterinary
2 science degrees from Ohio State University and was employed as
3 an equine veterinarian throughout North America for Heinz Hitch
4 before returning to practice in Washington ten years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Dryer owned and operated Chestnut Veterinary
6 Clinic in Washington, was a State Game Commission enforcement
7 officer and was certified in K-9 training and tracking with
8 bloodhounds; and

9 WHEREAS, Passionately interested in law enforcement and
10 emergency service, Dr. Dryer was a longtime member of the West
11 Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, where he held many
12 certifications, including smoke diver, emergency medical
13 technician and advanced car extraction; and

14 WHEREAS, He graduated from the police academy offered through
15 Indiana University of Pennsylvania at California University of
16 Pennsylvania, attending part time and maintaining his veterinary
17 practice; and

18 WHEREAS, He was a police officer for Donegal Township and for
19 Midway before joining the East Washington Borough Police
20 Department two years ago, all while continuing his veterinary
21 practice; and

22 WHEREAS, On the evening of December 19, 2011, Officer Dryer
23 observed a vehicle in East Washington Borough and initiated a
24 traffic stop on the highway; and

25 WHEREAS, Another officer arrived to assist, and shots were
26 fired by the driver of the stopped vehicle, hitting both
27 officers; and

28 WHEREAS, Officer Dryer died as a result of the assault; and

29 WHEREAS, The assailant was confronted and killed later that
30 evening by members of the State Police Special Emergency

1 Response Team after he fired at them and exited his house armed
2 with a gun; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Dryer is survived by his son, Benjamin; his
4 parents, JoAnn and John Dryer; his brother, Donald; and his
5 sister, Elizabeth; and

6 WHEREAS, The courage and dedication of this brave police
7 officer and the professional veterinary services he provided to
8 the community in which he lived will long be gratefully
9 remembered; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
11 fallen Police Officer John David Dryer, who died in the line of
12 duty on December 19, 2011, in East Washington Borough,
13 Washington County.