

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 700 Session of 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who gave their
 2 lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth and
 3 recognizing the memorial service in their honor in Soldiers'
 4 Grove at the State Capitol Complex on May 7, 2012.

5 WHEREAS, The following law enforcement officers have made the
 6 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on the following dates:

7 Police Officer John David Dryer, East Washington Borough Police
 8 Department, December 19, 2011; Patrolman Derek Kotecki, Lower
 9 Burrell Police Department, October 12, 2011; Police Officer

10 Robert A. Lasso, Freemansburg Borough Police Department, August

1 11, 2011; and Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly, Berks County
2 Sheriff's Department, June 29, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a
4 total of 726 officers who, through the year 2011, made the
5 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within
6 this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, A Venango County constable who died in April 1825 is
8 believed to be the first officer to have given his life in the
9 line of duty in this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Police Memorial Day" is held on May 15
11 each year; and

12 WHEREAS, The week containing May 15 is celebrated each year
13 as "National Police Week"; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 1, 1962, Joint Resolution 730 of the 87th
15 Congress of the United States was signed, authorizing the
16 President to proclaim May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers
17 Memorial Day"; and

18 WHEREAS, Twenty years passed before the first "National
19 Police Memorial Day" was recognized on May 15, 1982; and

20 WHEREAS, May 15 has continued to be observed annually in
21 memory of those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice
22 in the line of duty; and

23 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
24 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
25 Commonwealth; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
27 memories of the following law enforcement officers who gave
28 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth in 2011:
29 Police Officer John David Dryer, Patrolman Derek Kotecki, Police
30 Officer Robert A. Lasso and Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 memorial service in their honor in Soldiers' Grove at the State
4 Capitol Complex on May 7, 2012.