
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 70 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences and appreciation of the life of former
2 Chief of Police Deacon Floyd C. Lewis, III, who passed away
3 January 15, 2013.

4 WHEREAS, Floyd C. Lewis, III, the son of the late Floyd C.
5 Lewis, II, and Frances F. Whittington, was born in Chester
6 Hospital, Chester, Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was a long-time Chester resident and the
8 oldest of five children; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was educated through the Chester High
10 System and graduated from Chester High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis held degrees from Cheyney University of
12 Pennsylvania and The Pennsylvania State University; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was a substitute teacher at his Alma
14 Mater, Chester High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis followed in his father's footsteps, by
16 joining the City of Chester Police Department as a patrolman in
17 1973; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 1995,

1 and then transferred to the Detective Division as Detective
2 Sergeant a year later; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was promoted to Patrol Major in June
4 1999 and was named Deputy Police Chief in 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was named Police Chief in 2008, a
6 position he held for two years; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was known as an excellent leader who was
8 supportive of his officers and was caring of his community; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was low-key, usually not liking to be
10 honored for the things he did, yet he was honored among fellow
11 Omega Psi Phi, William Penn Elementary School and Masjid
12 Muskateen members; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis knew the Lord at an early age, he was
14 taken to Zion Baptist Church as a child by "Nanny," the late
15 Nellie Laws, his paternal grandmother; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis joined the Community Baptist Church,
17 where he eventually became Deacon and the Vice Chairman of the
18 Trustee Board; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was a longtime member of Omega Psi Phi
20 Fraternity, Epsilon Pi Chapter and was a past treasurer of the
21 Fraternal Order of Police; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis was preceded in death by his father,
23 Floyd Lewis, II, and his grandmother, Nellie Laws; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Lewis is survived by his wife, Sonya, five
25 siblings, Frances Lewis, Kendall Laws and Joseph Willington of
26 Chester, LaNelle Edwards (Joseph) of Raleigh, North Carolina,
27 Robert Laws (Edyth) of Boothwyn, mother Frances Whittington,
28 children Floyd Lewis, IV, (Cheryl) of New Castle, Delaware,
29 Tisha Wingfield (Calvin) of Northeast Philadelphia, Jamille
30 Riggs (Erica), Chester, a great uncle Harry Morgan of Georgia, a

1 great aunt Ida Willoughby of New Jersey, and seven grandchildren
2 and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize former
5 Chief of Police Deacon Floyd C. Lewis, III, and his life as a
6 leader in law enforcement, an active presence in his community
7 and church and a man of respect, who was a vital part of the
8 history and the City of Chester, Pennsylvania.