

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 177 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 20, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the death of
2 Correctional Officer Eric Williams, who paid the supreme
3 sacrifice on February 25, 2013, while serving his country at
4 the United States Penitentiary-Canaan.

5 WHEREAS, Officer Eric Williams was dedicated to serving his
6 community, his Commonwealth and his country; and

7 WHEREAS, After graduating from King's College with a criminal
8 justice degree, Officer Williams worked in supermarket loss
9 prevention and as a police officer; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Williams began serving his country as a
11 federal corrections officer on September 11, 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2013, Officer Williams was
13 tragically killed at the United States Penitentiary-Canaan by an
14 inmate who assaulted him with a homemade weapon as Officer
15 Williams was preparing to lock the inmates in their cells for a

1 nightly head count; and

2 WHEREAS, Besides serving as a corrections officer, Officer
3 Williams enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing soccer and going
4 bowling; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Williams was a devoted fan of the Seattle
6 Seahawks and worked countless hours to turn his new cottage at
7 Lily Lake into a home; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Williams was remembered by friends as a nice
9 guy with a great sense of humor who tried to make friends with
10 everyone; and

11 WHEREAS, Speaking of Officer Williams' sense of humor, his
12 sister, Lauren, said "he had a joke for everything . . . he
13 should have been a comedian"; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Williams' courageous service to his
15 community, his Commonwealth and his country will never be
16 forgotten; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Williams is survived by his father, Donald;
18 his mother, Jean; his brothers, Mark and Kyle; and his sister,
19 Lauren; and

20 WHEREAS, It is fitting to commend the courageous and heroic
21 contributions that Officer Williams made, to be saddened by this
22 brave officer's death and to honor the supreme sacrifice he paid
23 on behalf of this country; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representative honor the life and
25 express condolences upon the death of Correctional Officer Eric
26 Williams, who paid the supreme sacrifice on February 25, 2013,
27 while serving his country at the United States Penitentiary-
28 Canaan.