
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SMITH, DINNIMAN, FERLO, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY,
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TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, BROWNE, BRUBAKER AND
COSTA, APRIL 8, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing "Martha's Run" to be held on April 13, 2013, and the
2 community fundraising efforts to renovate and maintain
3 playgrounds.

4 WHEREAS, Martha's Run is an event exemplifying the life and
5 legacy of Martha Dixon and her love of running; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Dixon was born January 10, 1959, in Mt.
7 Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from Mt. Lebanon High
8 School in 1977 and continued her education at the University of
9 Pittsburgh, from which she graduated in 1982 with a degree in
10 chemistry; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon began her professional career in Little
12 Rock, Arkansas, at the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory where she
13 worked as a forensic chemist analyzing crime scenes and
14 providing expert testimony on behalf of the State of Arkansas;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon became an agent of the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation (FBI) in 1987; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon was then assigned to the Knoxville,
2 Tennessee, FBI Field Office, where, among other assignments, she
3 negotiated and resolved the uprising at the Talladega Federal
4 Correctional Institution in August 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, Her participation in this event enabled agents to
6 successfully force entry into the prison, which had been
7 overtaken by prisoners, returned control to prison officials,
8 for which Ms. Dixon was decorated for her bravery; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1992, Ms. Dixon was transferred from the
10 Knoxville field office to the Washington, DC, Main Field Office
11 (WMFO) of the FBI and assigned to the Cold Case Homicide Task
12 Force to assist the Washington, DC, Metro Police Force in
13 determining unsolved crimes; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1994, Special Agent Dixon made the
15 ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the FBI as she responded to
16 gunfire in the Cold Case Division area of the WMFO; and

17 WHEREAS, By injuring the perpetrator, Ms. Dixon prevented the
18 possibility of an even greater loss of human life and injury to
19 fellow law enforcement agents and civilians within the building;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon has been awarded several honors, including
22 the FBI Memorial Star, the FBI Commendation for Meritorious
23 Service, the FBI Medal of Valor, the Michael John Buczek Medal
24 of Honor, the FBI Agents Association's J. Edgar Hoover Memorial
25 Award for Valor, the Attorney General's Award for Bravery, the
26 naming of the FBI Pittsburgh Field Office in her honor,
27 recognition on numerous memorial plaques and the 2006
28 Outstanding Mt. Lebanon High School Alumni Award; and

29 WHEREAS, In memory of Ms. Dixon, her family initiated the
30 Martha Fund that holds an annual fundraiser, "Martha's Run,"

1 which is an event exemplifying Ms. Dixon's love of running; and

2 WHEREAS, Donations to the Martha Fund are used to build or
3 renovate and maintain playgrounds, and to date several public
4 playgrounds have been erected in her honor, including Martha's
5 Playground in Mt. Lebanon Main Park; and

6 WHEREAS, These playgrounds offer children a safe place to
7 play; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the community efforts
9 established and continued with "Martha's Run," to be held on
10 April 13, 2013, to honor the life of Martha Dixon, who paid the
11 ultimate sacrifice in service to and protection of others.