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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and ultimate sacrifice of Lieutenant Joyce
2 Craig, a Philadelphia firefighter who lost her life in the
3 line of duty, and expressing condolences upon her passing.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Joyce Craig, a decorated Philadelphia
5 firefighter, tragically lost her life in the line of duty on
6 December 9, 2014, at the age of 37; and

7 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig was born on June 7, 1977, and as a
8 child dreamed of committing her life to public service by
9 becoming a firefighter; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig graduated from Philadelphia's
11 Murrell Dobbins Vocational High School in 1995 and began
12 achieving her dreams by subsequently earning her EMT
13 certification; and

1 WHEREAS, On December 8, 2003, Lieutenant Craig entered the
2 Philadelphia Fire Academy as a member of the 178th Cadet class
3 and graduated on March 26, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, During her 11 years of dedicated service at the
5 Philadelphia Fire Department, Lieutenant Craig served at Engine
6 9 and Ladder 21 in Mount Airy, Engine 45 in North Philadelphia
7 and one of the busiest companies in Philadelphia, Engine 64 in
8 Lawncrest; and

9 WHEREAS, A decorated first responder, Lieutenant Craig was
10 revered for her hard work, bravery and professionalism and
11 heralded by Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer as a
12 "firefighter's firefighter"; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig and colleagues from Engine 69
14 Platoon "C" received a Unit Citation for their efforts in
15 rescuing two adults from a house fire in September 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Lieutenant Craig
17 tragically lost her life responding to a fire at a home in the
18 West Oak Lane section of Philadelphia; and

19 WHEREAS, True to her strong work ethic and commitment to her
20 profession, Lieutenant Craig was working an overtime shift for
21 Engine 73 on the day of her passing and assisted with the rescue
22 of an elderly resident while battling the fire; and

23 WHEREAS, One of only 165 women among approximately 2,158
24 members of the Philadelphia Fire Department at the time of her
25 passing, Lieutenant Craig was the first female firefighter to
26 die in the line of duty in Philadelphia; and

27 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig was posthumously awarded the rank
28 of Lieutenant in recognition of her heroism, passion for
29 firefighting and outstanding service to the residents of
30 Philadelphia; and

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig is survived by her deeply beloved
2 16-year-old son and 16-month-old daughter; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
4 and ultimate sacrifice of Lieutenant Joyce Craig and express
5 most sincere condolences to her family, friends and colleagues
6 upon her passing; and be it further
7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
8 the family of Lieutenant Joyce Craig.