

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 200 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 24, 2015

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 at the Forum
 4 Auditorium in the City of Harrisburg May 4, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Detective Gerard W. Traynor, Corporal Bryon Keith
 6 Dickson II, Trooper David Kedra and Police Officer Richard
 7 Anthony Champion made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of
 8 duty; and

9 WHEREAS, On June 21, 1987, Detective Gerard W. Traynor of the
 10 Philadelphia Police Department passed away from a heart attack,
 11 one day after valiantly assisting a fellow officer in regaining
 12 control over a prisoner who was trying to escape; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 12, 2014, Corporal Bryon Keith Dickson

1 II of the Pennsylvania State Police was tragically killed after
2 being ambushed and shot twice by an attacker at the Blooming
3 Grove Barracks in Pike County; and

4 WHEREAS, On September 30, 2014, Trooper David Kedra of the
5 Pennsylvania State Police was accidentally shot and killed while
6 participating in a training exercise at the Montgomery County
7 Public Safety Training Complex; and

8 WHEREAS, On December 14, 2014, Police Officer Richard Anthony
9 Champion of the Perryopolis Borough Police Department was
10 tragically killed while pursuing a vehicle when his patrol car
11 was hit by another vehicle and caught on fire; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of law enforcement within this
13 Commonwealth, numerous heroic law enforcement officers have made
14 the ultimate sacrifice; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
2 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
3 Commonwealth; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
5 memories of Detective Gerard W. Traynor, Corporal Bryon Keith
6 Dickson II, Trooper David Kedra and Police Officer Richard
7 Anthony Champion who gave their lives in the line of duty in
8 this Commonwealth; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 memorial service in their honor at the Forum Auditorium in the
11 City of Harrisburg May 4, 2015.