
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TOBASH, TOEPEL, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND AND YOUNGBLOOD,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Edward A. Mann as the longest serving State Fire
2 Commissioner in Pennsylvania's history and thanking him for
3 his contributions to this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Edward A. Mann served as State Fire Commissioner
5 from June 2000 to January 2015 and was the longest serving State
6 Fire Commissioner in Pennsylvania's history; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann served under four Governors: Tom Ridge,
8 Mark Schweiker, Ed Rendell and Tom Corbett; and

9 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Office of the State Fire
10 Commissioner received awards from the International Association
11 of Fire Chiefs, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and
12 the Congressional Fire Services Institute for the Office of the
13 State Fire Commissioner's effort to reduce line of duty deaths;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann worked closely with the General Assembly on
2 reauthorization of grant programs, increasing the amount of
3 grants by \$5 million during the last reauthorization and, for
4 the first time, including career fire departments in the grant
5 programs. He also worked with the General Assembly to double the
6 loans within the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann managed the creation of the Alternative
8 Energy Emergency Response Training Program through the State
9 Fire Academy; and

10 WHEREAS, He negotiated with Governor Rendell's staff to
11 obtain additional staff to bolster the Volunteer Fire Service
12 Certification Program; and

13 WHEREAS, He served on the Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission
14 and ensured that the Office and the Pennsylvania Emergency
15 Management Agency received \$750,000 each year to deal with
16 Marcellus Shale by working directly with Speaker Sam Smith; and

17 WHEREAS, He was always open, honest and respectful to members
18 of the General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann worked closely with the gas industry to
20 obtain nearly \$400,000 in grant funding to develop and deliver
21 training programs to first responders two years prior to the
22 passage of Act 13 of 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, He developed a financial assistance education
24 program for volunteer fire and emergency medical systems
25 services and delivered the program on request to members of the
26 General Assembly; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann negotiated several capital budgets with the
28 Governors and General Assembly to upgrade equipment and
29 infrastructure within the State Fire Academy; and

30 WHEREAS, He managed the development of what became the

1 Juvenile Firesetters Task Force; and

2 WHEREAS, He oversaw the State Fire Academy receiving
3 accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation
4 Congress, which enabled dual accreditation with the Congress
5 and the ProBoard Fire Service Professional Qualifications
6 System; and

7 WHEREAS, He managed the development of the first Line of Duty
8 Death Protocol; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
10 Edward A. Mann as the longest serving State Fire Commissioner in
11 Pennsylvania's history and thank him for his contributions to
12 this Commonwealth.