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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 631 Session of  
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 6, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Ke'Arre Stewart, Jennifer Markovsky and Garrett Swasey,  
2 who lost their lives during the shooting at the Planned  
3 Parenthood center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November  
4 27, 2015, and extending condolences to the families and  
5 friends of the victims during their time of mourning.

6 WHEREAS, A tragic shooting occurred at the Planned Parenthood  
7 center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the morning of November  
8 27, 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, An armed male, Robert Lewis Dear, opened fire,  
10 taking the lives of two civilians and one law enforcement  
11 officer and also wounding nine individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, The individuals that lost their lives in the  
13 shooting were Mr. Ke'Arre Stewart, Ms. Jennifer Markovsky and  
14 Officer Garrett Swasey; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart, 29 years of age and a father of two  
16 children, was an Army veteran who served in Iraq; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Markovsky, 36 years of age and a mother of two

1 children, grew up in Hawaii before moving with her husband to  
2 Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Swasey, 44 years of age, a six-year police  
4 veteran of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Campus,  
5 was also a co-pastor at Hope Chapel, an evangelical church; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his service in the community, Officer  
7 Swasey was a former nationally ranked figure skater who moved  
8 from Massachusetts to Colorado Springs to train at the Olympic  
9 Training Center in the 1990s; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Swasey, who is survived by his wife of 17  
11 years and two children, rushed 10 miles to support Colorado  
12 Springs Police under fire at Planned Parenthood; and

13 WHEREAS, During a memorial service, Mrs. Rachel Swasey shared  
14 that faith was the focus of her husband's life and that her  
15 husband, the love of her life, gave his life without regret;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Ke'Arre  
18 Stewart, Jennifer Markovsky and Garrett Swasey, who lost their  
19 lives during the shooting at the Planned Parenthood center in  
20 Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 27, 2015; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its  
23 deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims  
24 during their time of mourning.