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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GOODMAN AND ROSS, OCTOBER 24, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 24, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the contributions and sacrifices made  
2 by Pennsylvania's first responders.

3 WHEREAS, The men and women who serve as law enforcement  
4 officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel,  
5 our first responders, are worthy of recognition for their  
6 courage, heroism and concern for the welfare of the communities  
7 they serve regardless of peril or injury to themselves; and

8 WHEREAS, Police officers, firefighters and emergency medical  
9 personnel, both career and volunteer, risk their lives every day  
10 to make our communities safer through such efforts as search and  
11 rescue operations, hazardous materials response, crime and fire  
12 prevention and safety education and responding and treating a  
13 variety of life-threatening emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, First responders make the ultimate sacrifice to

1 protect the residents they serve during natural or manmade  
2 disasters; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' 2008  
4 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Pennsylvania  
5 has approximately 1,117 law enforcement agencies employing  
6 27,413 sworn police officers, resulting in approximately 218  
7 sworn personnel per 100,000 residents; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Fire Department Census reports that  
9 Pennsylvania has approximately 1,796 registered fire  
10 departments, which amounts to the largest number of fire  
11 departments nationally; and

12 WHEREAS, Volunteers staff more than 90% of all fire  
13 departments in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency  
15 Medical Services (EMS) licenses all EMS agencies and credentials  
16 all prehospital providers in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's EMS system is made up of  
18 approximately 55,000 certified EMS personnel and more than 1,000  
19 licensed ground and air agencies that respond to more than 1  
20 million requests for service each year; and

21 WHEREAS, These brave men and women spend countless hours and  
22 holidays away from their families in the name of public safety;  
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and  
25 celebrate the contributions and sacrifices made by all first  
26 responders in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all members  
28 of the General Assembly and elected officials and residents  
29 across this Commonwealth to make efforts to honor and remember  
30 first responders in Pennsylvania for their dedication, service

1 and sacrifice, including the giving of their lives, in order to  
2 protect the lives of the residents of this Commonwealth.