

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STREET, TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, HAYWOOD, HUGHES,
SAVAL AND A. WILLIAMS, MARCH 8, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Temple University Police
2 Sergeant Christopher Fitzgerald.

3 WHEREAS, Temple University Police Sergeant Christopher David
4 "Fitz" Fitzgerald was shot and killed in the line of duty on
5 February 18, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald was 31 years of age and is
7 remembered for being a strong cop with a tender heart and a
8 sense of humor, who strived to lead with kindness and respect;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald is survived by his wife, four
11 children, his mother and father, two siblings, two grandmothers,
12 one great-grandmother and a large family of loving aunts,
13 uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald was born in Philadelphia and
15 graduated from Stafford High School in Stafford, Texas, before
16 returning home; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald began his career as a
18 corrections officer before entering the City of Philadelphia

Police Academy in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Sergeant Fitzgerald served as an officer with the Philadelphia Housing Authority Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Sergeant Fitzgerald matriculated at the Philadelphia Sheriff's Department and served in its Guardian Civic League; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald proudly served with the Temple University Campus Police since 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald served the Temple University community with distinction; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Sergeant Fitzgerald received three merit awards for his service and the 2022 Officer of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald is the first officer of the Temple University Campus Police to be killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald was a passionate community service volunteer and a fervent Philadelphia sports fan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald was an avid runner and ran track in high school; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald was one of the original members of the Swagga House Run Club, which seeks to meet youths by holding group running events monthly through neighborhoods plagued by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald believed that keeping neighborhoods safe meant believing in them; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald wore his uniform proudly in his North Philadelphia neighborhood to gain the community's trust; and

1 WHEREAS, Temple University Campus Police posthumously
2 promoted then-Officer Fitzgerald to the rank of Sergeant; and

3 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Sheriff's Department also
4 posthumously promoted him to the rank of Sergeant; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald's uncle, Bishop Juan Marrero,
6 eulogized the gift that Sergeant Fitzgerald gave, which was the
7 example that he set and which is summarized as, "we do not fight
8 evil with evil; we defeat evil with good because good overcomes
9 evil all day long"; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald's final patrol through Temple
11 University's campus before being laid to rest led a procession
12 of police, students and community members that extended for
13 miles; and

14 WHEREAS, There has been an outpouring of support through
15 vigils and memorials as Sergeant Fitzgerald's family, friends
16 and fellow officers and Temple University mourn the loss of a
17 beloved member of their community; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Fitzgerald made the ultimate sacrifice
19 protecting his community and the residents of this Commonwealth;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and service of
22 Temple University Police Sergeant Christopher Fitzgerald; and be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate extend condolences to the family,
25 friends, students, university, loved ones and the entire
26 community as they honor the life and sacrifice of Sergeant
27 Fitzgerald.