

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 178 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY VEREB, HACKETT, D. COSTA, REGAN, ADOLPH, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BOBACK, B. BOYLE, K. BOYLE, BRIGGS, BROOKS, V. BROWN, BROWNLIE, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, M. DALEY, DAVIS, DEASY, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, EVANKOVICH, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABLER, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HAGGERTY, HAHN, C. HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, M. K. KELLER, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MCNEILL, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MOLCHANY, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, NEILSON, NEUMAN, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PEIFER, QUINN, RAPP, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, REED, ROCK, ROSS, ROZZI, SACCONI, SAINATO, SANTARSIERO, SAYLOR, SONNEY, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 13, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 13, 2013

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 in Soldiers'  
 4 Grove at the State Capitol Complex on May 6, 2013.

5 WHEREAS, The following law enforcement officers have made the  
 6 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on the following dates:

7 Trooper First Class Blake T. Coble, Pennsylvania State Police,  
 8 October 4, 2012; Police Officer Bradley Fox, Plymouth Township  
 9 Police Department, September 13, 2012; Police Officer Moses  
 10 Walker, Jr., Philadelphia Police Department, August 18, 2012;  
 11 Police Officer Brian Lorenzo, Philadelphia Police Department,  
 12 July 8, 2012; and Police Officer Avery Freeman, Chester Police

1 Department, April 30, 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, The deaths of these law enforcement officers make a  
3 total of 731 officers who, through the year 2012, made the  
4 ultimate sacrifice since the beginning of law enforcement within  
5 this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order  
23 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this  
24 Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
26 memories of the following law enforcement officers who gave  
27 their lives in the line of duty in this Commonwealth in 2012:  
28 Trooper First Class Blake T. Coble, Police Officer Bradley Fox,  
29 Police Officer Moses Walker, Jr., Police Officer Brian Lorenzo  
30 and Police Officer Avery Freeman; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
2 memorial service in their honor in Soldiers' Grove at the State  
3 Capitol Complex on May 6, 2013.