

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

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 at the Forum
4 Auditorium in the City of Harrisburg May 4, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Detective Gerard W. Traynor, Corporal Bryon Keith
6 Dickson II, Trooper David Kedra and Police Officer Richard
7 Anthony Champion made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of
8 duty; and

9 WHEREAS, On June 21, 1987, Detective Gerard W. Traynor of the
10 Philadelphia Police Department passed away from a heart attack,
11 one day after valiantly assisting a fellow officer in regaining
12 control over a prisoner who was trying to escape; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 12, 2014, Corporal Bryon Keith Dickson
14 II of the Pennsylvania State Police was tragically killed after
15 being ambushed and shot twice by an attacker at the Blooming
16 Grove Barracks in Pike County; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 30, 2014, Trooper David Kedra of the
18 Pennsylvania State Police was accidentally shot and killed while

1 participating in a training exercise at the Montgomery County
2 Public Safety Training Complex; and

3 WHEREAS, On December 14, 2014, Police Officer Richard Anthony
4 Champion of the Perryopolis Borough Police Department was
5 tragically killed while pursuing a vehicle when his patrol car
6 was hit by another vehicle and caught on fire; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of law enforcement within this
8 Commonwealth, numerous heroic law enforcement officers have made
9 the ultimate sacrifice; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order
27 of Police presents the annual memorial service in this
28 Commonwealth; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
30 memories of Detective Gerard W. Traynor, Corporal Bryon Keith

1 Dickson II, Trooper David Kedra and Police Officer Richard
2 Anthony Champion who gave their lives in the line of duty in
3 this Commonwealth; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 memorial service in their honor at the Forum Auditorium in the
6 City of Harrisburg May 4, 2015.