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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 5, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the law enforcement officers who lost their lives in  
 2 the targeted attacks in Dallas, Texas, and Baton Rouge,  
 3 Louisiana, and extending condolences to the families and  
 4 friends of the victims and to the members of the Dallas and  
 5 Baton Rouge communities.

6 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2016, a single gunman armed with an  
 7 assault-style rifle opened fire on a peaceful protest in Dallas,  
 8 Texas, in an effort to murder as many law enforcement officers  
 9 as possible; and

10 WHEREAS, The gunman killed five law enforcement officers and  
 11 wounded nine during that tragic and senseless act of hatred and  
 12 violence; and

13 WHEREAS, The Dallas law enforcement officers killed in the  
 14 line of duty are Brent Thompson, age 43, who had recently  
 15 married, Michael Krol, age 40, who was an eight-year veteran of

1 the Dallas Police Department, Patrick Zamarripa, age 32, who was  
2 a husband and the father of a daughter and stepson, Lorne  
3 Ahrens, age 48, who was a husband and the father of a 10-year-  
4 old daughter and an eight-year-old son, and Michael Smith, age  
5 55, who was a husband and the father of 14-year-old and 10-year-  
6 old daughters and who was a 27-year veteran of the Dallas Police  
7 Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Just 10 days after the Dallas shooting, on July 17,  
9 2016, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, three law enforcement officers  
10 were killed and three more were wounded by a single gunman armed  
11 with an assault-style rifle; and

12 WHEREAS, The Baton Rouge law enforcement officers killed in  
13 the line of duty are Montrell Jackson, age 32, who was a husband  
14 and the father of a four-month-old son, Matthew Gerald, age 41,  
15 who was a husband and the father of two daughters, and Brad  
16 Garafola, age 45, who was a husband and the father of four  
17 children; and

18 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has stated that an attack on  
19 law enforcement is an attack on all of us and that the deaths of  
20 the law enforcement officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge  
21 underscore the danger law enforcement officers nationwide face  
22 every day; and

23 WHEREAS, Members of the Dallas and Baton Rouge communities  
24 have come together to show their support through a fundraising  
25 campaign that has raised more than \$700,000 for the families of  
26 the fallen law enforcement officers; and

27 WHEREAS, All Federal, state and local law enforcement  
28 personnel performed their duties admirably during the Dallas and  
29 Baton Rouge attacks and risked their lives for the safety of the  
30 citizens of their cities; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the law enforcement officers  
3 who lost their lives in the targeted attacks in Dallas, Texas,  
4 and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and extend condolences to the  
5 families and friends of the victims and to the members of the  
6 Dallas and Baton Rouge communities; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its strong support for the  
9 survivors of the shootings and the residents of Dallas, Texas,  
10 and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as they heal their bodies and  
11 communities; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania denounce violence against law  
14 enforcement officers across the United States who work every day  
15 to keep this country safe; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
17 Dallas Mayor Michael Rawlings and Baton Rouge Mayor-President  
18 Melvin Holden.