
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, GUENST, ISAACSON,
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 9, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of United States Capitol Police Officer Brian
2 D. Sicknick, who died during the insurrection at the United
3 States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Capitol and the legislative
5 institutions throughout our nation are important symbols of
6 democracy and freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, Our institutions of democracy are safeguarded by law
8 enforcement officers who dedicate themselves to the security and
9 safety of elected officials to ensure they can fulfill their
10 constitutional and legislative responsibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Bureau of Police and
12 Safety, commonly known as the Pennsylvania Capitol Police, has
13 maintained a safe and secure environment for employees and
14 visitors in the Pennsylvania Capitol Complex since its
15 establishment in 1895; and

16 WHEREAS, The recent attacks targeting the United States
17 Capitol exemplify the risks faced by law enforcement officers

1 across the nation in responding to threats against our
2 institutions of democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, an attack by violent
4 insurrectionists on the United States Capitol gravely threatened
5 the physical well-being of the Vice President of the United
6 States, members of the United States Senate and House of
7 Representatives and many of the civilians working within the
8 United States Capitol Complex; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Capitol Police, along with other
10 law enforcement agencies, demonstrated acts of bravery and
11 service when they directly engaged with the violent
12 insurrectionists at the United States Capitol; and

13 WHEREAS, During the attack on January 6, 2021, United States
14 Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick sustained fatal
15 injuries while defending the United States Capitol from the
16 violent insurrectionists trying to unlawfully enter the
17 building; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was born in South River, New
19 Jersey, and was a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard,
20 where he served in Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyzstan; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick joined the United States Capitol
22 Police Department in 2008, where he continued to live up to the
23 oath he swore in the military: "to protect and defend the
24 Constitution of the United States"; and

25 WHEREAS, The death of Officer Sicknick is a tragic loss of an
26 individual who embodied the spirit of patriotism by protecting
27 our democratic process, institutions and elected members tasked
28 with certifying the will of the people; and

29 WHEREAS, In recognition of his service to the nation, Officer
30 Sicknick was given the rare distinction of lying in honor in the

1 United States Capitol Rotunda, being only the fifth individual
2 to receive the designation; and

3 WHEREAS, The bravery demonstrated by Officer Sicknick on
4 January 6, 2021, along with the other United States Capitol
5 Police and law enforcement officers, was exemplary and displayed
6 the service and sacrifice of the individuals tasked with
7 protecting our institutions of democracy; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the life of United States
10 Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who died during the
11 insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.