

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, GUENST, ISAACSON, McNEILL, LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, BURNS, SAPPEY, PISCIOTTANO, JOZWIAK, KINKEAD, WEBSTER, FREEMAN, NEILSON, MENTZER, HOHENSTEIN, CIRESI AND SAINATO, MARCH 9, 2021

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 on January 7, 2021, as a result of  
3 injuries sustained during the insurrection at the United  
4 States Capitol on January 6, 2021. ◀

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The recent attacks targeting the United States

1 Capitol exemplify the risks faced by law enforcement officers  
2 across the nation in responding to threats against our  
3 institutions of democracy; and

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2021, Officer Sicknick succumbed to ◀  
19 the injuries he sustained during the insurrection at the United  
20 States Capitol; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, The death of Officer Sicknick is a tragic loss of an  
29 individual who embodied the spirit of patriotism by protecting  
30 our democratic process, institutions and elected members tasked

1 with certifying the will of the people; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of his service to the nation, Officer  
3 Sicknick was given the rare distinction of lying in honor in the  
4 United States Capitol Rotunda, being only the fifth individual  
5 to receive the designation; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the life of United States  
13 Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who died on January 7, ◀  
14 2021, as a result of injuries sustained during the insurrection  
15 at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.