
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, MCCLINTON, NEILSON, C. PARKER, TAYLOR AND
DONATUCCI, DECEMBER 19, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 19, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey for his
2 service and congratulating him on his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Ramsey's career in law enforcement began at
4 18 years of age when he served as a beat officer in his native
5 City of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Ramsey was appointed Philadelphia Police
7 Commissioner in 2008, following roles with the Chicago Police
8 Department and the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington,
9 DC; and

10 WHEREAS, Ramsey leads the nation's fourth largest police
11 department, comprising 6,600 sworn members and 800 civilian
12 members; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Ramsey's leadership, the number of homicides
14 in Philadelphia fell from almost 400 in 2007 to 248 in 2014,
15 representing a 50% drop in homicides from the city's 1990 peak

1 of 500 homicides; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2013, Ramsey asked the United States Department
3 of Justice to review police use of force in the Philadelphia
4 Police Department, which is currently working to implement the
5 recommendations outlined in the Department of Justice's report;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, As a prominent voice in the national dialogue
8 surrounding policing and community relations, Ramsey embraced
9 community policing within and beyond the Philadelphia Police
10 Department and stressed the need to build trust between law
11 enforcement and the public; and

12 WHEREAS, In January 2015, the President of the United States
13 called on Ramsey to co-chair the President's Task Force on 21st
14 Century Policing, which was aimed at providing advice and
15 recommendations to strengthen the relationship between police
16 and the communities they serve; and

17 WHEREAS, Ramsey has earned national and international
18 recognition for his law enforcement expertise and serves on the
19 International Association of Chiefs of Police Executive
20 Committee as well as the United States Homeland Security
21 Advisory Council; and

22 WHEREAS, Ramsey announced in October 2015, that he is
23 retiring from the Philadelphia Police Department effective
24 January 7, 2016, after eight years with the department and 47
25 years in law enforcement overall; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor
27 Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey for his service
28 in Philadelphia and beyond and congratulate him on his
29 retirement; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 Commissioner Charles Ramsey.