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Pennsylvania House Passes Resolution
Recognizing National Moment of Silence

Oilville, VA - The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania today signed a resolution designating May 26, 2007 as the "Tenth Annual National Moment of Silence Day in Pennsylvania" and urging all of the Commonwealth's EMS providers and agencies to observe the National Moment of Silence honoring Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

House Resolution 48 was introduced on February 5 by State Representative John D. Payne of Pennsylvania's 106th Legislative District, himself a former EMS provider, and over 50 co-sponsors. The Resolution was adopted by the House on May 21, 2007 by a vote of 197 - 0.

Representative Payne can be reached through his Legislative Office at 717-787-2684.

The text of the Resolution is appended below.

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Speaker

In the House, May 22, 2007

WHEREAS, The National EMS Memorial Service plans to hold a memorial event on May 26, 2007, in Roanoke, Virginia, to honor and remember those members of our nation's emergency medical services who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty during the past year; and

WHEREAS, The sponsors of the event ask for voluntary participation by all the nation's emergency medical service providers, agencies and emergency communication centers to observe 60 seconds of radio silence timed to coincide with a moment of silence observed during the actual service held in Roanoke, Virginia, set for 7:00 p.m. (EDT) on May 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the tenth time this shared moment of silence for emergency medical service members is being observed across the nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 26, 2007, as the "Tenth Annual National Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania and urge emergency medical service providers and agencies throughout this Commonwealth to observe a special moment of silence in honor of those emergency medical service personnel who have died in the line of duty.

I certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No 48, introduced by Representatives, Payne, Baker, Belfanti, Beyer, Bishop, Boyd, Caltagirone, Cappelli, Cohen, Creighton, Daley, Digirolamo, Dona Tucci, Everett, Fabrizio, Fairchild, Gabig, Geist, George, Gibbons, Gillespie, Gingrich, Goodman, Grell, Grucela, Hershey, Hess, Hickernell, Kotik, Kula, Longiotti, Major, Mann, Mantz, McIlhattan, Millard, Moyer, Pallone, Perry, Phillips, Pickett, Ramaley, Rapp, Readshaw, Reichley, Rubley, Sainato, Scavello, Schroder, Solobay, Sonney, Staback, Stern, Swanger, True, Vulakovich, Watson, Wojnaroski, Youngblood, Petri, and adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

//Dennis M. O'Brien//
Dennis M. O'Brien, Speaker