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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

RECOGNIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED AND INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

1 WHEREAS, the men and women of law enforcement risk their lives every day; and

2 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers protect the American people from criminals who seek to perpetrate violence
3 and harm innocent lives; and

4 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers willingly face dangerous circumstances and the threat of serious bodily
5 injury or death on a daily basis to ensure the safety of all Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there are more than 800,000
7 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, since the first recorded police death in 1786, there have been more than 22,000 law enforcement
9 officers killed in the line of duty; and

10 WHEREAS, a total of 1,627 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an
11 average of 163 per year or one death every 54 hours; and

12 WHEREAS, there were 135 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the FBI's *Uniform Crime Report 2019 Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*
14 report, there were 56,034 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2019, resulting in 17,188 injuries; and

15 WHEREAS, assault related offenses committed in Delaware against law enforcement officers were up 16% from
16 2015, with 2019 (448) being the highest in a five year period; and

17 WHEREAS, 49 law enforcement officers have been killed or died in the line of duty in Delaware since 1852.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of the Delaware, the House of
20 Representatives concurring therein, recognizes the sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed and injured in the line of
21 duty.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly denounces violence against law enforcement officers
23 in all forms.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly expresses its gratitude for the service of the members
25 of law enforcement to protect and uphold the law.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes law enforcement officers killed and injured in the line of duty.

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