

H. Res. 1299

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

May 11, 2010.

Whereas there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the United States, 12 percent of whom are women;

Whereas law enforcement officers selflessly protect the people of the United States and their communities;

Whereas law enforcement officers serve the country in spite of the inherent danger of their service;

Whereas more than 18,600 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in the United States since the first recorded police death in 1792;

Whereas 72 law enforcement officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, making that day the deadliest in law enforcement history;

Whereas 125 law enforcement officers were killed in 2009;

Whereas, on March 21, 2009, Sergeant Mark Dunakin and Officer John Hege and Sergeants Ervin Romans and Dan Sakai of the Oakland Police Department in California were shot and killed by the same gunman in two separate attacks;

Whereas, on November 29, 2009, Sergeant Mark Renniger and Officers Tina Griswold, Ronald Owens II, and Greg

Richards of the Lakewood Police Department in the State of Washington were shot and killed as they sat in a coffee shop;

Whereas Public Law 87–726 designates May 15th of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week during which that Day occurs as Police Week;

Whereas section 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, requires that the United States flag be flown at half-staff on all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

Whereas law enforcement officers deserve the gratitude of the people of the United States for their service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day;

(2) honors Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day with ceremonies and respect befitting those who have risked their lives and died in service to their communities.

Attest:

Clerk.