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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the five fallen service members who  
2 were killed or mortally wounded during a mass shooting at a  
3 joint Navy and Marine Corps facility in Chattanooga,  
4 Tennessee, on July 16, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Service members, including 20 Marines and 2 Navy  
6 corpsmen, under attack at the Navy Operational Support Center  
7 and Marine Corps Reserve Center alerted and shielded others in  
8 the rush out of the compound; and

9 WHEREAS, While most of those service members were unarmed,  
10 two of the fallen are believed to have separately engaged and  
11 fired on the shooter; and

12 WHEREAS, Four Marines who died in the attack were members of

1 Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine  
2 Division, Marine Forces Reserve; and

3 WHEREAS, The Marines of Mike Battery, a reserve artillery  
4 unit, had recently completed a two-week training mission in the  
5 Mojave Desert; and

6 WHEREAS, Marine Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, 35, a native  
7 of Morganton, North Carolina, who was residing in Hixson,  
8 Tennessee, was a decorated active-duty field artillery  
9 operations man who had completed deployments to Iraq and  
10 Afghanistan; and

11 WHEREAS, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Sullivan, 40, of  
12 Springfield, Massachusetts, was a decorated active-duty field  
13 artillery cannoneer who had completed deployments to Iraq and  
14 the Western Pacific; and

15 WHEREAS, Marine Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells, 21, of  
16 Marietta, Georgia, a field artillery cannoneer who had enlisted  
17 in February 2014, was serving with Mike Battery on active-duty  
18 operational support mobilization orders; and

19 WHEREAS, Marine Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, 25, of  
20 Grantsburg, Wisconsin, was a decorated active-duty diesel  
21 mechanic specialist who had completed deployments to Japan and  
22 Afghanistan; and

23 WHEREAS, Navy Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Randall Smith,  
24 26, of Paulding, Ohio, who sustained multiple wounds during the  
25 attack, died on July 18, 2015; and

26 WHEREAS, LS2 Smith, a Navy reservist on active duty in  
27 Chattanooga, was a decorated surface warfare specialist who had  
28 previously deployed aboard an amphibious assault ship; and

29 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
30 Pennsylvania mourns the loss of these heroic individuals and

1 notes with respect their steadfast presence in the Chattanooga  
2 community, their unfailing support of their fellow service  
3 members and their contributions to the security and defense of  
4 our nation; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor and remember the five fallen  
7 service members who were killed or mortally wounded during a  
8 mass shooting at a joint Navy and Marine Corps facility in  
9 Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 16, 2015.