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Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

Commission Resolution 2019-01
Resolution to Honor Fallen City of Memphis
Fire Fighter Robert James Phillips II
And Extend Public Safety Officer Benefits

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body of state government conferred with the authority to administer the Michigan Public Safety Officers Benefit; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II was a Firefighter with the Memphis Fire Department for 39 years and served as their Chief from 2008-2013; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II was a dedicated public servant who performed his duties in a manner that has brought honor to the entire public safety profession; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II commitment to excellence was evidenced by his dedication in training and mentoring other firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II demonstrated commitment and care in the exercise of his duties and was an eager protector of the public, demonstrated by his dedication to the community he served; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II sustained a fatal heart attack after responding to two calls previously that day; and,

WHEREAS, Robert James Phillips II, devoted to his family, was married to his wife Sandy and the father of Jason, Jessica and Jeff; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, on behalf of all Michigan public safety officers, expresses profound sympathy to the family, fellow public safety officers, friends, and loved ones of Robert James Phillips II.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pay their highest tribute to the service and sacrifice of Robert James Phillips II; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all eligible benefits provided through the Public Safety Officer Benefits Act shall be extended to the survivors of Robert James Phillips II.

Unanimously adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on February 13, 2019.

David E. Molloy, Chair