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REP. BOYLE, PA HOUSE HONOR FALLEN HERO MICHAEL STRANGE

On Jan. 23, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution I authored to honor fallen Navy Seal and Philadelphia native Michael Strange.

Strange, a 2004 graduate of North Catholic High School, was a member of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, also known as SEAL Team Six, when he perished in a helicopter crash in August 2011.

During my speech in the House chamber, I extended my condolences to the family of Michael Strange on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Michael Strange was a dedicated and valiant soldier who remains one of the city of Philadelphia's hometown heroes.

His sacrifice for our country needs to be remembered. My resolution gives honor to his bravery, his service to country and his ultimate sacrifice.

Petty Officer Michael Strange, a Purple Heart recipient, was serving his third tour of duty in Afghanistan at the time of his death.



Rep. Boyle pictured with, from left to right, Bernice Strange, Elizabeth Strange and Charles Strange in the chamber of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

He is survived by his fiancée, Breanna Hostetler; his mother, Elizabeth Strange, who is a Philadelphia police officer; his father, Charles Strange, Jr.; his brother Charles; his sisters Katelyn and Carly; his niece Juliana Rose; his grandmother Bernice Strange; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications

The application period for the 2011 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open. Applications for senior citizens and other qualifying residents will be available through my constituent service offices in the near future.

This program provides state rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2011 to eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, with half of Social Security, Supplemental Security or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I income being excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

All residents who received rebates last year should have received applications in the mail.

If you think you may qualify and need an application, you can obtain one at my office located at 14230 Bustleton Ave. Also, please feel free to call or stop by for assistance in filling out the application.

Internship opportunities available through Rep. Boyle's office

If you or someone you know is a college student looking for an internship opportunity, please contact my office for more information about how to obtain an internship with us.



Rep. Boyle, in collaboration with the Verizon Reads Program, presents a \$2,000 check to St. Christopher's to help fund literacy initiatives.

I want to hear from you!

Please take a moment to visit my website at www.pahouse.com/Boyle and take my survey. Your answers will help me to understand which legislative issue is most important to you.



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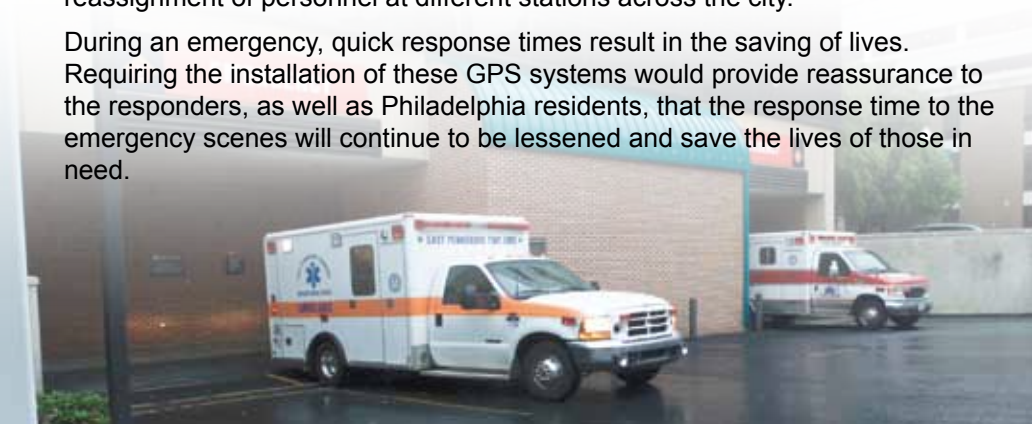
Boyle legislation would provide GPS devices for first responders

I have authored legislation to require Global Positioning Satellite devices be installed in Emergency Medical Service vehicles in Philadelphia.

The bill would require the city of Philadelphia to equip any rescue, utility or special service vehicles with a GPS device to provide real-time data and have the capacity to route vehicles to a specific location at the request of the user(s).

Currently in the city of Philadelphia, EMS responders are facing increased difficulties in locating emergency scenes, due to the reconfiguration and reassignment of personnel at different stations across the city.

During an emergency, quick response times result in the saving of lives. Requiring the installation of these GPS systems would provide reassurance to the responders, as well as Philadelphia residents, that the response time to the emergency scenes will continue to be lessened and save the lives of those in need.



Boyle legislation would add Holocaust and genocide education to school curriculum

I have proposed legislation to require all public and nonpublic schools in Pennsylvania to include in their existing curriculum education regarding the Holocaust and genocide.

Under the bill, the Department of Education would develop a model curriculum to be used by schools.

Approximately 6 million Jewish individuals lost their lives during the Holocaust, as well as millions of other individuals targeted by the Nazi regime. Unfortunately, instances of genocide can be found all over the world, even still today.

It is crucial that our young people have an understanding of the implications of the Holocaust and recognize genocide for what it is – the mass murdering of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group – so that history never repeats itself.

According to the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, currently five states have enacted laws requiring the teaching of the Holocaust in schools: California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and New York.

My offices can help you!

- Free notary services
- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Public Welfare (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies