

HOUSE No. 5720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 22, 1969.

The committee on Rules, to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Boston) on the death of Oliver Noonan, Jr. (House, No. 5720) report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS W. MCGEE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF OLIVER NOONAN, JR.

1 *Whereas*, The House of Representatives has learned with deep
2 regret of the report that Oliver Noonan, Jr., a combat news
3 photographer for the Associated Press in Vietnam, is missing
4 and presumed dead; and

5 *Whereas*, Oliver Noonan, Jr., the winner of a series of pro-
6 fessional news photography awards and formerly employed as a
7 photographer by the Boston Herald Traveler and the Boston
8 Globe, was honored in the current year in being elected Presi-
9 dent of the Boston Press Photographers Association; and

10 *Whereas*, A firm exponent of the theory that the public has
11 the right of being kept informed as to all matters affecting their
12 government and their future welfare, Oliver Noonan first went
13 to Vietnam as a free lance photographer in order to record the
14 horror and human suffering of war, and the quality of his work
15 soon resulted in his being hired by the Associated Press as a
16 combat news photographer; and

17 *Whereas*, Oliver Noonan, a credit to himself, journalism in
18 general and to news photographers in particular, while covering
19 an airborne attack south of DaNang, was riding in a helicopter
20 that was shot down and exploded; and

21 *Whereas*, Oliver Noonan gave his life doing what he thought
22 was right and in the service of the American public's right to
23 be informed; therefore be it

24 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives
25 hereby extends to the family of Oliver Noonan, Jr. its deepest
26 sympathy and condolences; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be
28 forwarded by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the family
29 of Oliver Noonan, Jr.

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Adopted.

WALLACE C. MILLS,
Clerk.