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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the House Game and Fisheries Committee and the House  
2 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to establish a joint  
3 task force to examine the problem of deer overpopulation.

4 WHEREAS, More than one million white-tailed deer inhabit  
5 Pennsylvania's woods and fields; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission has done an  
7 admirable job in attempting to reduce or maintain this herd to a  
8 level compatible with its surrounding habitat; and

9 WHEREAS, Those efforts have not always been successful, as  
10 evidenced by many "hot spots" throughout the Commonwealth which  
11 currently are overpopulated with deer; and

12 WHEREAS, This overpopulation problem has caused considerable  
13 financial loss to farmers in these areas; and

14 WHEREAS, It is incumbent that the House of Representatives  
15 take action to determine the depth of the problem so that  
16 appropriate legislative or regulatory action can be considered;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the

1 Majority and Minority Chairmen of the House Game and Fisheries  
2 Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to  
3 form a task force to examine this problem and to hold four  
4 public hearings in areas which are to be determined by the  
5 Majority and Minority Chairmen of these two committees; and be  
6 it further

7       RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and  
8 recommendations to the House of Representatives as soon as  
9 possible.