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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JULY 15, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to
2 restore 6,000 airport security screening positions that will
3 be lost at airports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and
4 nationwide this year.

5 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, four U.S. airliners were
6 hijacked by terrorists; and

7 WHEREAS, The planes were crashed into the World Trade Center
8 buildings, the Pentagon and a field in the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania, killing some 3,066 persons in a matter of hours,
10 including a large number of Pennsylvanians; and

11 WHEREAS, As a direct result of this attack, the Federal
12 Government has implemented a proactive agenda in the Department
13 of Homeland Security to prevent future attacks; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Government is compelled to remain
15 vigilant in maintaining these security measures in order to
16 secure our country and its citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Two and one-half years after the attack, the
18 probability of additional attacks or similar terrorist actions

1 remains a constant threat to all Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, Airport security screeners are an effective
3 deterrent and a defense against plane hijackings; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Government plan has included eliminating
5 3,000 airport screening positions nationwide by May 31, 2003,
6 and an additional 3,000 security jobs by September 30, 2003,
7 reducing the number of full-time and part-time security
8 screeners to 49,600 nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, As a result of these cuts, one-half of the 16
10 airports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will lose security
11 screeners and thereby lose a significant ability to deter,
12 detect and detain possible terrorists who would want to carry
13 out their deadly mission; and

14 WHEREAS, The President, the Congress and the Department of
15 Homeland Security should not retrench efforts that would enhance
16 and further augment our capability to protect Americans from
17 terrorist acts; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 urge the President and Congress to restore funding for the
20 airport security screener positions recently eliminated and
21 those slated for elimination; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the President, to the presiding officers of each house of
24 Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.