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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,  
NOVEMBER 18, 1981

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In the House of Representatives, November 18, 1981

1 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 deaths related to cigarette  
2 smoking occur annually; and

3 WHEREAS, Cigarette smoking related health hazards have been  
4 implicated in 80% of lung cancer cases and cases of emphysema;  
5 are a major factor in most cases of oral cancer and cancers of  
6 the larynx, pharynx and bladder; and are a major hazard for  
7 women who use oral contraceptives; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a need to protect the right of non-smokers  
9 to breathe air uncontaminated by tobacco smoke and for non-  
10 smokers to be free of the hazard to their health created by  
11 breathing the smoke of others; and

12 WHEREAS, Fewer adults are smoking today while more cigarettes  
13 are being consumed than ever before reflecting a higher  
14 percentage of teenage smokers, especially young women; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite the Federal Government's own findings and  
16 warnings about the hazards of cigarette smoking, it has done

1 little concerning such hazards; and

2 WHEREAS, A major Federal initiative is required to reduce the  
3 death toll and to reduce the number of premature deaths and  
4 suffering related to cigarette smoking; and

5 WHEREAS, While revenue from tobacco products in 1976 totaled  
6 about \$12,000,000,000, the habit costs smokers, their families  
7 and society \$18,000,000,000 in medical and hospital bills and  
8 lost wages, resulting in a net loss of \$6,000,000,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Smokers should be required to bear a greater part of  
10 the cost of their habit and the subsidy of smokers by non-  
11 smokers is unjust; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
13 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the United  
14 States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to  
15 begin at once a phase out of the tobacco support program to  
16 reach zero in five years.