

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. ZELLER, GOEBEL, OLIVER, COHEN, FREIND,
BROWN AND PRATT, NOVEMBER 14, 1979

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS, HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 26, 1980

In the House of Representatives, November 14, 1979

1 WHEREAS, THE Federal Reserve ~~Chairman Paul Volcker has~~ <—
2 ~~initiated a loan interest~~ BOARD policy ~~that~~ has forced the prime <—
3 interest rate over 15%; and

4 WHEREAS, The economic and social well-being of Pennsylvania
5 is dependent upon the availability of a ~~plentiful~~ REASONABLE <—
6 supply of ~~low interest~~ credit which allows for the continuous <—
7 growth of businesses, agricultural and manufacturing concerns
8 that are located in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, ~~Mr. Volcker's~~ THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD interest <—
10 rate policies are forcing real estate, construction companies,
11 savings and loan institutions, savings banks, automobile
12 dealerships and urban centers into economic ~~chaos; and~~ <—

13 ~~WHEREAS, Mr. Volcker has stated before the Congressional~~
14 ~~Joint Economic Committee that "The standard of living of the~~
15 ~~average American has to decline,"; and~~

16 ~~WHEREAS, Mr. Volcker's policies caused the National~~

1 ~~Association of Home Builders to place an ad in the Washington~~
2 ~~Post stating: "Big corporations and big government will survive~~
3 ~~the tight money policies at the expense of the young and~~
4 ~~elderly, and the poor and disadvantaged, working people and~~
5 ~~small businessmen," and further stated that the Federal Reserve~~
6 ~~policy will have the following disastrous effects on the housing~~
7 ~~field alone: \$24,000,000,000 in wages lost; 1,100,000 housing~~
8 ~~units built in 1980 compared with 2,000,000 units in 1978;~~
9 ~~675,000 jobs lost in the building trades and 818,000 jobs lost~~
10 ~~in related industries~~ HARDSHIP; therefore be it <—

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urges the Pennsylvania
13 Congressional delegation to request that THE Federal Reserve <—
14 ~~Chairman Paul Volcker immediately lower the interest rate levels~~ <—
15 ~~and loosen his tight money policies~~ BOARD REEVALUATE ITS POLICY <—
16 to ensure that the necessary credit is available for productive
17 investment and to maintain present employment levels ~~or that the~~ <—
18 ~~United States Congress urge President Carter to request Mr.~~
19 ~~Volcker to tender his resignation;~~ and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the
21 presiding officers of the United States Congress and to each
22 Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth of
23 Pennsylvania.