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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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LESCOVITZ, ITKIN AND CORRIGAN, JULY 2, 1992

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 2, 1992

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## A RESOLUTION

1    Memorializing Congress to support legislation which would  
2       provide for the collection of child support payments.

3       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the  
4    significant impact upon the children who suffer economic  
5    consequences due to their noncustodial parent failing to pay  
6    legal support obligations; and

7       WHEREAS, The number of single-parent households has increased  
8    considerably; in 1960, 9.1% of all children (fewer than six  
9    million children) lived in a single-parent family; in 1990,  
10   24.7% or one quarter of all children (15.9 million children)  
11   lived in a single-parent family; and

12       WHEREAS, Child poverty in the United States was 15.4% in  
13   1974, and in 1990 it had risen to 20.6%, an increase of 3.3  
14   million children; and

15       WHEREAS, At the end of 1989, the total amount of unpaid child  
16   support was approximately \$16 billion dollars, and by 1990 that  
17   amount increased to approximately \$23 billion dollars; and

1       WHEREAS, One-fourth of the single mothers who were owed child  
2   support received none and an additional one-fourth of single  
3   mothers received only a portion of their child support payments;  
4   and

5       WHEREAS, Children who do not receive child support suffer  
6   from long-term societal effects, such as lack of health care and  
7   loss in labor force productivity; and

8       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives should support laws and  
9   practices designed to ensure child support to families  
10   regardless of the income or welfare status of the noncustodial  
11   parent; therefore be it

12      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
13   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to support and  
14   pass any legislation pertaining to child support payments that  
15   American children are entitled to; and be it further

16      RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
17   the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
18   member of Congress from Pennsylvania.