

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
OCTOBER 17, 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to pass legislation providing financial  
2 assistance to the commercial airline companies of this  
3 nation, memorializing the President to enact it, and  
4 promising State assistance.

5 WHEREAS, Airline companies of this nation were required by  
6 the Federal Government to suspend operations for four days,  
7 September 11 through 14, 2001, for reasons of national security;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The aggregate estimates of daily lost revenues  
10 suffered by these companies during that four-day period range  
11 from \$250 million to \$500 million; and

12 WHEREAS, In the days since flights have been able to resume,  
13 cancellation of reservations has ranged between 20% and 40%,  
14 resulting in additional lost revenues to these companies,  
15 canceled flights and huge layoffs estimated at more than 100,000  
16 employees; and

1       WHEREAS, US Airways, a major airline company in the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has announced that layoffs of  
3 approximately 20,000 of its employees have become necessary; and

4       WHEREAS, In the Pittsburgh region alone approximately 11,700  
5 residents are employees of US Airways; and

6       WHEREAS, Financially necessitated layoffs of airline  
7 employees in the numbers projected will have a profound impact  
8 on the national and State economies and on national security and  
9 should be prevented; and

10       WHEREAS, The health of the airline industry impacts so  
11 directly on our economic health and our national security that  
12 Federal and State financial assistance is desirable and  
13 imperative; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the  
16 United States to pass and the President of the United States to  
17 enact legislation to provide the necessary financial resources  
18 to commercial airline companies headquartered in the United  
19 States and traded on a national stock exchange; and be it  
20 further

21       RESOLVED, That this Legislature and our Governor likewise  
22 promptly pass and enact a financial package to provide  
23 assistance to those national airline companies who do business  
24 in this Commonwealth; and be it further

25       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
26 the President of the United States, to members of the  
27 Pennsylvania delegation of Congress, to the Governor of  
28 Pennsylvania and to the President pro tempore of the Senate of  
29 Pennsylvania.