

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD AND THOMAS, MARCH 31, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 31, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that each member of Congress from Pennsylvania work
2 to make the Federal tax cuts permanent.

3 WHEREAS, Each year President Bush has proposed and the
4 Congress of the United States has enacted a tax cut designed to
5 strengthen the American economy and increase employment
6 opportunities for working families; and

7 WHEREAS, Tax cuts signed into law have reduced income taxes
8 for all taxpayers, eliminated the marriage penalty and death
9 tax, increased the child credit rebate and business expensing,
10 expanded Individual Retirement Accounts and cut the double
11 taxation of dividends and capital gains; and

12 WHEREAS, Economic growth stemming from the latest tax cut
13 accelerated at its fastest rate in 20 years in the third quarter
14 of 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, Provisions set forth in this tax cut are set to

1 expire starting in 2005 and will be completely phased out by the
2 year 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Expiration of the existing tax cuts will increase
4 taxes by 50% for lower-income families, the child credit will
5 fall by 50%, the marriage penalty will be reinstated, education
6 savings will be taxed, retirement savings will shrink and every
7 taxpayer will face an income tax increase; and

8 WHEREAS, Expiration of the existing tax cuts will result in
9 the largest tax increase in American history and stifle economic
10 growth; and

11 WHEREAS, Making the tax cuts permanent will allow taxpayers
12 to feel more confident investing in their child's college
13 education or saving for retirement, all while ensuring increased
14 economic growth; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania request that each member of
17 Congress from Pennsylvania support and vote to make President
18 Bush's tax cuts permanent; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
20 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.