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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to  
2 restore 6,000 airport security screening positions that will  
3 be lost at airports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and  
4 nationwide this year.

5 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, four U.S. airliners were  
6 hijacked by terrorists; and

7 WHEREAS, The planes were crashed into the World Trade Center  
8 buildings, the Pentagon and a field in the Commonwealth of  
9 Pennsylvania, killing some 3,066 persons in a matter of hours,  
10 including a large number of Pennsylvanians; and

11 WHEREAS, As a direct result of this attack, the Federal  
12 Government has implemented a proactive agenda in the Department  
13 of Homeland Security to prevent future attacks; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Government is compelled to remain  
15 vigilant in maintaining these security measures in order to  
16 secure our country and its citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Two and one-half years after the attack, the  
18 probability of additional attacks or similar terrorist actions

1 remains a constant threat to all Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, Airport security screeners are an effective  
3 deterrent and a defense against plane hijackings; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Government plan has included eliminating  
5 3,000 airport screening positions nationwide by May 31, 2003,  
6 and an additional 3,000 security jobs by September 30, 2003,  
7 reducing the number of full-time and part-time security  
8 screeners to 49,600 nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, As a result of these cuts, one-half of the 16  
10 airports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will lose security  
11 screeners and thereby lose a significant ability to deter,  
12 detect and detain possible terrorists who would want to carry  
13 out their deadly mission; and

14 WHEREAS, The President, the Congress and the Department of  
15 Homeland Security should not retrench efforts that would enhance  
16 and further augment our capability to protect Americans from  
17 terrorist acts; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
19 urge the President and Congress to restore funding for the  
20 airport security screener positions recently eliminated and  
21 those slated for elimination; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 the President, to the presiding officers of each house of  
24 Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.