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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Judiciary Committee to study new technologies to  
2 identify firearms used in a crime and report its findings and  
3 recommendations to the House of Representatives.

4 WHEREAS, Gun violence is at an epidemic level in Pennsylvania  
5 with more than 500 Pennsylvanians murdered by a firearm in 2005;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Law enforcement needs every tool available to  
8 prevent gun crime; and

9 WHEREAS, New technologies have been developed to help  
10 identify a firearm used in a crime; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
12 Judiciary Committee to study methods to trace the perpetrators  
13 of gun crimes through the use of technologies available to  
14 identify firearms used in a crime; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee include in its  
16 investigation specific findings and recommendations relating to  
17 technology that is designed to equip firearms with a microscopic

1 array of characters that identify the make, model and serial  
2 number of the firearm, which are imprinted on each cartridge  
3 case when the firearm is fired; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee hold hearings, take  
5 testimony and make its investigation at such places as it deems  
6 necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct  
8 Commonwealth agencies to assist the Judiciary Committee in its  
9 investigation; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee have the power to  
11 obtain from any group or individual information helpful to  
12 reaching its findings and recommendations; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee submit a report of its  
14 findings together with its recommendations for any appropriate  
15 legislation or other action to the House of Representatives not  
16 later than six months after the adoption of this resolution.