A RESOLUTION

1 Appointing a special committee on Senate Address to pursue
2 possible removal of Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph C.
3 Gale, under section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of
4 Pennsylvania.
5 WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, a white Minneapolis police officer
6 murdered African-American George Floyd by kneeling on Floyd's
7 neck for nearly nine minutes; and
8 WHEREAS, A video recording of the murder was quickly seen by
9 millions of people; and
10 WHEREAS, Peaceful protests against police brutality and
11 racial injustice in the United States of America erupted around
12 the world; and
13 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2020, Commissioner Gale published a press
14 release on Montgomery County letterhead characterizing the
15 protestors as violent criminals, terrorists and enemy
16 combatants; and
17 WHEREAS, Commissioner Gale also characterized Black Lives
18 Matter, a peaceful movement that seeks to eradicate white
19 supremacy and end state-sponsored violence against Black
communities, as a hate group that seeks to "unleash chaos and
mayhem without consequence"; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gale's statements may have violated the
toll, ethics rules and county policy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate appoint a special committee on
Senate Address to pursue possible removal of Montgomery County
Commissioner Joseph C. Gale under section 7 of Article VI of the
Constitution of Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the special committee consist of three members
of the Majority party appointed by the President pro tempore,
one of whom shall be designated as chairman of the committee,
three members of the Minority party appointed by the President
pro tempore, in consultation with the Minority Leader, and the
President pro tempore serving as an ex-officio voting member of
the committee.