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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 18, 1983

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting an early reenactment of the Federal General Revenue  
2 Sharing Program.

3 WHEREAS, The Federal General Revenue Sharing Program expires  
4 September 30, 1983; and

5 WHEREAS, The General Revenue Sharing Program is the most  
6 visible local return of the Federal tax dollar; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Revenue Sharing Program allows  
8 municipalities the freedom to tailor spending to individual  
9 community needs; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Revenue Sharing Program has enabled  
11 local governments to finance projects and services for their  
12 citizens that they otherwise would not be able to provide; and

13 WHEREAS, General Revenue Sharing accounts for about 14% of  
14 local government budgets in Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, Property taxes or other taxes and user fees would  
16 have to be raised to offset any loss of General Revenue Sharing  
17 funds; and

1       WHEREAS, Many local governments in Pennsylvania are at or  
2 near their statutory taxation limits; and

3       WHEREAS, Favorable action needs to be taken on the General  
4 Revenue Sharing Program before municipalities begin to work on  
5 their 1984 budgets; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the President  
7 and Congress to work for an early reenactment of the Federal  
8 General Revenue Sharing Program as it now exists; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
11 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
12 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
13 Pennsylvania.