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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 14, 1989

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 14, 1989

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact  
2 legislation increasing the Federal minimum wage.

3 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, in an effort to  
4 provide a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, enacted  
5 legislation in 1938 which established a Federal minimum wage;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In the eight years that have passed since the last  
8 increase in the Federal minimum wage, inflation, rising prices,  
9 the Federal deficit and other factors have eroded the purchasing  
10 power of a minimum wage earner by at least 27%; and

11 WHEREAS, The current minimum wage of less than \$7,000 per  
12 year is less than the Federal poverty level for a family of  
13 four; and

14 WHEREAS, Because of the complex interstate economic  
15 structures, most states which desire to raise state minimum wage  
16 levels would be concerned that it might adversely affect the

1 economic well-being of businesses and industries within their  
2 borders, regardless of justifiability; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the sincere belief that the true  
4 responsibility for the enactment of such critical legislation,  
5 dealing with the nation's labor force as a whole, rests with  
6 Congress; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the  
9 United States to expeditiously enact legislation increasing the  
10 Federal minimum wage; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
13 member of Congress from Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the  
15 leadership of other state legislatures in an effort to gain  
16 approval of similar resolutions in support of placing  
17 responsibility for increasing minimum wage levels on the  
18 Congress of the United States.