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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the use of treated lumber for playground or
2 recreational equipment.

3 WHEREAS, Our children are viewed as our most precious of
4 possessions; and

5 WHEREAS, As such, we seek to provide them with the very best
6 of all possible environments, including the school environment;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Playground and recreation equipment is an integral
9 part of the school environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Many times lumber products are used in the
11 construction of playground and recreation equipment; and

12 WHEREAS, So-called "pressure-treated lumber" may be used to
13 construct playground and recreation equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, "Pressure-treated lumber" has been preserved with
15 chemical preservatives such as creosote, tetrachlorophenol and
16 pentachlorophenol (PCP); compounds of arsenic, chromium, copper,
17 zinc, boron and mercury; and certain chlorinated pesticides; and

1 WHEREAS, Many of these chemicals have serious health effects;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge all State and local municipal
5 agencies, school districts and public and private nonprofit
6 organizations review and take into consideration all matters
7 relating to the safety and appropriateness of purchasing
8 recreational equipment made from "pressure-treated" lumber that
9 has been treated with any of the aforementioned substances,
10 where there is a likelihood of contact by children, in an effort
11 to prevent subjecting children to these possible health hazards.