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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 114 Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY EGOLF, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF,  
CLYMER, COLEMAN, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, GABIG, GEIST,  
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SOLOBAY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE, WILT AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 5, 2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
MARCH 5, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Asking Congress to give priority to the passage of the defense  
2 appropriations bill.

3 WHEREAS, The security of our nation and people is the first  
4 and foremost obligation of the Federal Government; and

5 WHEREAS, The men and women of our armed forces serving in the  
6 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant  
7 Marine, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and  
8 self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons  
9 and resources to protect our nation; and

10 WHEREAS, In past years politicians have delayed passing the  
11 defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so  
12 that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping  
13 ground for pork-barrel spending and as a political hostage to  
14 pork-barrel spending in other appropriations bills; and

15 WHEREAS, In the wake of the terrorist attacks on September

1 11, 2001, the President has asked that the Congress of the  
2 United States pass the defense appropriations bill before  
3 passing other spending bills; and

4 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in spring 2002 when it  
5 passed the defense appropriations bill first, protecting the men  
6 and women of our armed forces from becoming political pawns for  
7 politicians' spending maneuvers; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commend Congress for making our  
10 nation's defense its first priority in 2002 and request  
11 Congressmen and Senators from Pennsylvania to continue this  
12 policy by passing defense appropriations legislation before all  
13 other spending bills in 2003 and in the future.