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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging colleges and universities in this Commonwealth to
2 implement campus security alert systems in order to warn
3 campus communities of impending danger.

4 WHEREAS, The current generation of college students is more
5 technologically savvy than any previous generation; and

6 WHEREAS, The use of cellular phones, Internet access and
7 other communications tools on college campuses has risen
8 drastically in recent years; and

9 WHEREAS, In order to adjust to this increased use of new and
10 improved communication methods, colleges and universities in
11 this Commonwealth should incorporate a campus security alert
12 system providing for the orderly, accurate and timely
13 dissemination of information that may save lives during
14 emergency situations; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth witnessed the

1 unthinkable tragedy that unfolded in the absence of an effective
2 campus security alert system when a gunman killed more than 30
3 people at the Virginia Tech campus on April 16, 2007,
4 devastating a tight-knit community and raising serious concerns
5 about the ways in which information is transmitted and shared
6 during times of crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of this horrible incident in
8 Virginia, the question remains whether the outcome may have been
9 different had a communications system been in place to provide
10 up-to-date information to students and other members of the
11 campus, warning them of impending danger; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge colleges and
13 universities in this Commonwealth to implement a campus security
14 alert system which keeps members of the campus community
15 informed during emergency situations and which utilizes the
16 various methods of communication college students use; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge colleges and
19 universities in this Commonwealth to acquire cellular phone
20 numbers, e-mail addresses and other important personal contact
21 information from all members of the campus community as part of
22 the campus security alert system; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge colleges and
24 universities in this Commonwealth to activate this campus
25 security alert system and immediately close the campus in the
26 event of a shooting of any kind and to alert local media within
27 one hour of such an event.