## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 20 Session of 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to work to 1 2 permanently abolish the death tax. 3 WHEREAS, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the 4 death tax was temporarily phased out but not permanently 5 eliminated; and 6 WHEREAS, Farmers and other small business owners face losing 7 their farms and businesses if the Federal Government resumes the 8 heavy taxation of citizens at death; and 9 WHEREAS, The death tax is particularly damaging to families who are trying to accumulate wealth for the first time; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Employees suffer layoffs when small or medium 12 businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes; and 13 WHEREAS, If the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the 14 United States economy would have realized billions of dollars 15 each year in extra output, and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have been created; and 16

WHEREAS, Having repeatedly passed in each house of the
 Congress of the United States, repeal of the death tax holds
 wide bipartisan support; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
request the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support,
work to pass and vote for the immediate and permanent repeal of
the death tax; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to9 the members of Congress from Pennsylvania.