

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, WARD AND McILHINNEY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

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## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Calling for an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
2 States in accordance with Article V to reduce the powers of  
3 the Federal bureaucracy by eliminating the Federal Department  
4 of Education, the Federal Department of Energy, the Federal  
5 Reserve System, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
6 (Freddie Mac) and the Federal National Mortgage Association  
7 (Fannie Mae).

8 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States implies  
9 inherent powers of the President of the United States, through  
10 Article II: "the executive Power shall be vested in a President"  
11 and the President should take care that the laws be faithfully  
12 executed, however, this article does not cite the power to  
13 create a bureaucratic department or agency that could be  
14 addressed by the states; and

15 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States does not  
16 expressly give the executive branch of the Federal Government  
17 the power to create the Federal Department of Education, the  
18 Federal Department of Energy, the Federal Reserve System,  
19 Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae; and

20 WHEREAS, The elimination of the Federal Department of  
21 Education would allow each independent and sovereign state to

1 define public education for themselves; and

2 WHEREAS, The elimination of the Federal Department of Energy  
3 would increase the sovereignty of the states by allowing them to  
4 establish their own energy policies through state standards and  
5 not ones mandated and enforced by the Federal Government; and

6 WHEREAS, The elimination of the Federal Reserve System would  
7 allow the free market to operate, increasing the value of the  
8 United States dollar by placing it back on the gold standard  
9 backed up with gold as opposed to the Federal Government's  
10 dollar, which has increased our national debt by trillions of  
11 dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, Freddie Mac represents a government agency neither  
13 the Congress nor the President had the power to create and one  
14 that has failed to protect the interests of the American people,  
15 while burdening future generations with debt; and

16 WHEREAS, The elimination of Fannie Mae would rightly concede  
17 this function to the states as envisioned by the 10th amendment  
18 to the Constitution of the United States, "The powers not  
19 delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor  
20 prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States  
21 respectively, or to the people"; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the  
23 General Assembly, in accordance with Article V of the  
24 Constitution of the United States, call for an amendment to  
25 limit or otherwise reduce the Federal bureaucracy by eliminating  
26 the Federal Department of Education, the Federal Department of  
27 Energy, the Federal Reserve System, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae;  
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
30 President of the United States, the presiding officers of each

1 house of Congress, the other 49 State legislatures and to each  
2 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.