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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to increase both the  
2 minimum wage and tipped minimum wage to \$15 per hour in the  
3 United States.

4 WHEREAS, Since 2009, the national minimum wage has been \$7.25  
5 and the tipped minimum wage has been \$2.13, while the cost of  
6 living continues to increase annually; and

7 WHEREAS, These are poverty wages and are not acceptable for  
8 Pennsylvanians, let alone the rest of America; and

9 WHEREAS, With the cost of living increasing every year, we  
10 must assure our workers that they will be paid a wage that is  
11 fair and will reflect the hard work that they do; and

12 WHEREAS, The minimum wage would be \$10.15 per hour if it  
13 matched the rate of inflation; and

14 WHEREAS, Instead, earners find themselves left with poverty  
15 wages that do not meet the basic standard of living wage; and

16 WHEREAS, If we want our nation to thrive, it begins with  
17 making sure that every American has a fair chance to thrive  
18 economically; and

1       WHEREAS, Many workers earning the current minimum wage need  
2 some form of assistance or a funding safety net to help  
3 supplement their income, ultimately costing taxpayers more money  
4 to provide for these assistance programs; and

5       WHEREAS, Raising the minimum wage would create less  
6 dependence for workers and families and create less of a need  
7 for these funding safety nets; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 urge the Congress of the United States to increase both the  
10 minimum wage and the tipped minimum wage to \$15 per hour in the  
11 United States to give workers across the nation a wage they  
12 deserve; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
14 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
15 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.