

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY REED AND GEESEY, JULY 3, 1979

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In the House of Representatives, July 3, 1979

1       The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has  
2       filed petitions before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court requesting  
3       their approval to convene a grand jury to investigate and take  
4       action upon six major areas of criminal involvement within the  
5       Commonwealth; and

6       WHEREAS, The Attorney General's petition is pursuant to the  
7       provisions of Pennsylvania law enacted by the General Assembly  
8       during the 1977-1978 session to allow prosecutors the  
9       additionally needed tool of investigative grand juries; and

10       WHEREAS, The Attorney General's petition is being challenged  
11       with regard to its constitutionality and to its propriety, as  
12       well as on the ability to utilize such an investigative grand  
13       jury for the six Statewide purposes enumerated in the Attorney  
14       General's petition; and

15       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives believes the petition  
16       of the Attorney General to be properly drawn pursuant to  
17       provisions of the State's law and that the purposes for the  
18       investigative grand jury are valid and in response to law

1 enforcement needs within Pennsylvania, and further, that the  
2 petition is drawn within the confines of the Constitution of the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, The six major areas of criminal conduct enumerated  
5 within the Attorney General's petitions threaten the peace and  
6 dignity of the Commonwealth and constitute adverse impact on the  
7 health and safety of the general public and thereby constitute a  
8 threat to the people and the laws of the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The Attorney General has probable cause to initiate  
10 the petition filed before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives expresses its  
13 approval of the petition filed by the Attorney General before  
14 the Supreme Court for the purposes enumerated in the petition  
15 and that the House recommends approval by the court; it further  
16 directs that counsel on behalf of the House file appropriate  
17 petition to the court with copies of this resolution in addition  
18 to whatever additional points with regard to the Attorney  
19 General's petition's constitutionality and validity counsel will  
20 provide in answer to the challenge of the Attorney General's  
21 petition now before the court.