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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS, MAY 4, 1983

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### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to adopt a resolution to disapprove the  
2 Federal Trade Commission's proposed funeral service rule.

3 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has proposed a funeral  
4 service rule which will result in needless, redundant and  
5 discriminatory regulation of funeral directors; and

6 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
7 Pennsylvania is opposed to such regulation for the following  
8 reasons:

9 (1) Most states, particularly Pennsylvania, have laws  
10 and regulations which adequately regulate the funeral service  
11 industry.

12 (2) Federal regulation of the funeral service industry  
13 would only provide another unneeded layer of Federal

1       bureaucracy.

2           (3)   The Pennsylvania Board of Funeral Directors has  
3       adopted regulations which have, for many years, provided the  
4       kind of disclosure, requirements, relating to merchandise,  
5       service and prices which the Federal regulations would  
6       require.

7           (4)   The proposed Federal rule is discriminatory because  
8       it applies only to funeral directors and not to other persons  
9       who provide funeral goods and services and other post-death  
10      activities.

11          (5)   The Federal Trade Commission has failed to  
12      demonstrate any need for the type of nationwide regulations  
13      which they have proposed; now therefore be it

14      RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
15      of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to adopt  
16      United States House Concurrent Resolution 70, the so-called  
17      Russo Resolution, which disapproved the Federal Funeral Service  
18      Rule; and be it further

19      RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
20      the President of the United States, the presiding officers of  
21      each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
22      Pennsylvania.