

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KRUSZEWSKI, FAJT, MELIO AND STETLER, FEBRUARY 5, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 5, 1992

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to amend the Budget Enforcement Act of
2 1990, reduce military spending to provide for domestic,
3 social and economic needs and develop a plan for the orderly
4 conversion from military to civilian enterprises.

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania faces an increasing
6 array of critical unmet needs that cannot be met by State
7 revenues; and

8 WHEREAS, State and local government responsibilities for
9 providing human services and paying for infrastructure needs
10 have increased over the past decade, as have Federal mandates to
11 do so; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal aid to states and communities has dropped
13 from 29.4% to 16% of their budgets over the past decade; and

14 WHEREAS, These funding cuts, combined with the effects of the
15 recession, have increased the probability of budget crises in
16 human services, which will increase homelessness, hunger and
17 health risks for our citizens; of cuts in aid to public schools,

1 day care and higher education, which will hinder our ability to
2 help our young people prepare for responsible and productive
3 adult lives; of reductions in public health services and in
4 hazardous waste cleanup programs, which will endanger the health
5 of our citizens; of cuts that debilitate corrections and youth
6 services, which will decrease public safety; and of cuts in
7 infrastructure development, maintenance and repair, which will
8 increase transportation problems and inhibit economic
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS, The recent end to the Cold War, the dissolution of
11 the Soviet Union and the continuing decline of Communism have
12 significantly reduced the need for military spending; therefore
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to amend the
16 Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 to allow for transfers of savings
17 in the military account to the domestic budget; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
20 Congress to reduce military spending to a level more appropriate
21 to the post-Cold War world environment, thereby providing
22 savings that can be transferred to meet the country's enormous
23 social and economic needs; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives (in order to
25 avoid unnecessary economic dislocation and human suffering)
26 memorialize Congress to develop a mechanism to provide for
27 timely and orderly economic conversion of personnel and
28 industries from military to civilian enterprises; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

- 1 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
- 2 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.