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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to create a  
2 bipartisan task force to study methods of aiding the  
3 conversion of Pennsylvania's defense-related industries to  
4 civilian production.

5 WHEREAS, The United States served as a counterweight to  
6 Soviet imperialism since the end of World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, The innovation and productivity of the American  
8 defense industries were major contributions to our national  
9 security during the ensuing Cold War; and

10 WHEREAS, The Cold War ended with the dissolution of the  
11 Soviet Union and the liberation of Eastern Europe, thus  
12 justifying a reduction and redeployment of the United States  
13 Armed Forces; and

14 WHEREAS, These changes will lead to major reductions in the  
15 defense budget and have an adverse impact on defense-related  
16 industries; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has been a leadership State in the  
18 development and production of defense hardware for the United

1 States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps; and

2 WHEREAS, Defense industries are a major component of  
3 Pennsylvania's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth must maintain its rightful role as  
5 a major manufacturer of nondefense goods and services; and

6 WHEREAS, It must be a priority to maintain the vitality of  
7 these industries and preserve their work forces; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Joint State Government  
9 Commission to create a bipartisan task force to study methods of  
10 aiding the conversion of Pennsylvania's defense-related  
11 industries to civilian production; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the task force report as soon as possible its  
13 findings and recommendations, as well as any proposed  
14 legislation, to the General Assembly.