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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to address
2 critical areas in the formulation of economic stimulus
3 legislation and recommending specific provisions for the
4 legislation.

5 WHEREAS, The attack on America of September 11, 2001, was a
6 shock to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, There is an ongoing military and multidimensional
8 response to terrorism that is strongly supported throughout this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States faces the potential of a serious
11 recession, having already lost 50,000 manufacturing jobs in
12 Pennsylvania alone since the beginning of the year, and the
13 September 11, 2001, attack on America may cause the loss of
14 thousands of additional jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has already taken
16 critical action to support affected industries and is proposing
17 additional aid to business; and

18 WHEREAS, The Congress is considering an economic stimulus

1 package; and

2 WHEREAS, The core goal of an economic stimulus package is the
3 stabilization of communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Supporting business to stabilize employment must be
5 a critical part of any economic stimulus package to be adopted
6 by the Congress; and

7 WHEREAS, Support for negatively impacted workers must be
8 included as part of any economic stimulus package to stabilize
9 the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Supporting state and local governments to avoid or
11 mitigate a lessening of state or local tax revenues is a
12 critical part of any economic stimulus package; and

13 WHEREAS, The economic stimulus package should include the
14 following provisions: extending federally funded unemployment
15 compensation, where needed, by 26 weeks; aiding workers by
16 improving health care access with the Federal Government at
17 least paying 75% of the COBRA health care costs and other health
18 care assistance; aiding workers by fully funding targeted
19 training and worker reemployment programs and taking action to
20 assist with mortgages of personal residences and to stabilize
21 other credit transactions; and

22 WHEREAS, If the Congress does not address the critical areas
23 of economic stimulus, business, workers and state and local
24 government, these costs will have to be borne by state and local
25 governments, workers and business; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 urge the Congress of the United States to address the critical
28 areas that will create economic stability and allow future
29 growth; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
2 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
3 Pennsylvania.