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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY METCALFE, BAKER, BASTIAN, BENNINGHOFF, HERSHEY,  
HESS, JAMES, KILLION, SCAVELLO, R. STEVENSON AND  
E. Z. TAYLOR, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Senators from the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania to support the President's nominees to the  
3 Supreme Court of the United States.

4 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the  
5 United States states that the President "shall nominate, and by  
6 and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint  
7 Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the  
8 supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States...";  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, There is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy  
11 on the Supreme Court of the United States during the 109th  
12 Congress; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a possibility of the need to elevate an  
14 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to  
15 the position of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress; and

16 WHEREAS, Activist judges on some Federal courts have  
17 frustrated the constitutional structure which prescribes that  
18 laws shall be written by elected legislatures; and

1       WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has expressed his  
2       commitment to appoint Federal judges who will strictly interpret  
3       the Constitution of the United States; and

4       WHEREAS, In the past a minority of senators has used dilatory  
5       tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on several of President  
6       George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported  
7       favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the  
8       Judiciary; therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
10      Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Senators  
11      from Pennsylvania to move quickly to confirm all nominations by  
12      President George W. Bush to the Supreme Court of the United  
13      States; and be it further

14      RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
15      United States Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum.