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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of State of the United States to issue a  
2 warning on travel to the Caribbean island of Aruba.

3 WHEREAS, On Monday, May 30, 2005, an 18-year-old Alabama  
4 girl, Natalee Holloway, disappeared in Aruba while visiting the  
5 island with classmates on a senior class trip celebrating high  
6 school graduation; and

7 WHEREAS, Numerous searches involving Aruban police, Dutch  
8 Marines, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents and  
9 hundreds of volunteers, including local residents and tourists,  
10 have yet to discover the whereabouts of Natalee Holloway, an  
11 honors student at Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham,  
12 Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, Aruban authorities rejected a plea from the mother  
14 of Natalee Holloway to request additional assistance from the  
15 United States early on in the investigation; and

16 WHEREAS, Aruban authorities have asked for nominal assistance  
17 from the FBI surrounding the American woman's disappearance; and

1       WHEREAS, Despite Aruban police and investigators identifying  
2 and detaining five suspects, authorities have yet to formally  
3 charge anyone in the case and have actually released several  
4 suspects; and

5       WHEREAS, An Aruban judicial official, whose 17-year-old son  
6 is one of the suspects in the disappearance of the Alabama  
7 teenager, was arrested and placed in custody for questioning but  
8 later released for insufficient cause; and

9       WHEREAS, Another woman from the United States, Amy Bradley,  
10 has been missing since 1998 when she was last seen on a  
11 Caribbean cruise ship with her family, which ship docked at the  
12 island of Curacao the day after visiting the neighboring island  
13 of Aruba; and

14       WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this nation to ensure the  
15 health and safety of its citizens who travel overseas; therefore  
16 be it

17       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 urge the Department of State of the United States to issue a  
19 warning on travel to the Caribbean island of Aruba; and be it  
20 further

21       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
22 the Department of State of the United States and to each member  
23 of the Congress of the United States from Pennsylvania.