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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 334 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, JUNE 16, 2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 16, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Appointing a special committee on Senate Address to pursue  
2 possible removal of Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph C.  
3 Gale, under section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of  
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, a white Minneapolis police officer  
6 murdered African-American George Floyd by kneeling on Floyd's  
7 neck for nearly nine minutes; and

8 WHEREAS, A video recording of the murder was quickly seen by  
9 millions of people; and

10 WHEREAS, Peaceful protests against police brutality and  
11 racial injustice in the United States of America erupted around  
12 the world; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2020, Commissioner Gale published a press  
14 release on Montgomery County letterhead characterizing the  
15 protestors as violent criminals, terrorists and enemy  
16 combatants; and

17 WHEREAS, Commissioner Gale also characterized Black Lives  
18 Matter, a peaceful movement that seeks to eradicate white  
19 supremacy and end state-sponsored violence against Black

1 communities, as a hate group that seeks to "unleash chaos and  
2 mayhem without consequence"; and

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Gale's statements may have violated the  
4 law, ethics rules and county policy; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate appoint a special committee on  
6 Senate Address to pursue possible removal of Montgomery County  
7 Commissioner Joseph C. Gale under section 7 of Article VI of the  
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the special committee consist of three members  
10 of the Majority party appointed by the President pro tempore,  
11 one of whom shall be designated as chairman of the committee,  
12 three members of the Minority party appointed by the President  
13 pro tempore, in consultation with the Minority Leader, and the  
14 President pro tempore serving as an ex-officio voting member of  
15 the committee.