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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States and the President of
2 the United States to pass and sign, respectively, legislation
3 that would reinstate a Federal assault weapons and high-
4 capacity magazine ban.

5 WHEREAS, High-capacity magazines are often used in gun crimes
6 and police murders; and

7 WHEREAS, Mass shootings frequently involve the use of assault
8 weapons and high-capacity magazines; and

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation defines "mass
10 shooting" as one in which at least four people are murdered with
11 a gun; and

12 WHEREAS, According to "Analysis of Mass Shootings 2009-2013,"
13 conducted by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, 56 mass shootings were
14 identified in 30 states; and

15 WHEREAS, Assault weapons or high-capacity magazines were used
16 in at least 23% of the mass shootings identified, which is
17 disproportionate to their use in overall crime, generally
18 estimated at 2% overall; and

19 WHEREAS, Mass shootings in which assault weapons or high-

1 capacity magazines were used resulted in an average of 14.8
2 people shot or a total of 135% more than are shot in other
3 incidents; and

4 WHEREAS, Mass shootings in which assault weapons or high-
5 capacity magazines were used resulted in an average of eight
6 deaths or 57% more deaths than in other incidents; and

7 WHEREAS, National legislation regulating semiautomatic
8 assault weapons will provide a uniform framework of weapon
9 availability across the nation in place of a patchwork variation
10 across the United States; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
12 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the
13 Congress of the United States and the President of the United
14 States to pass and sign, respectively, legislation that would
15 reinstate a Federal assault weapons and high-capacity magazine
16 ban.