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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 29, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Committee on Health and Human Services to  
2 investigate and consider the problems associated with the  
3 lack of supermarkets in urban and underserved communities in  
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Protests have erupted due to the lack of  
6 supermarkets in urban and underserved communities; and

7 WHEREAS, The lack of supermarkets is a problem affecting  
8 Philadelphia and Pittsburgh as well as other cities and towns in  
9 this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, When there are no supermarkets nearby, people are  
11 forced to shop at convenience stores where food high in fats and  
12 sugars prevail; and

13 WHEREAS, Studies show that residents of neighborhoods without  
14 access to supermarkets suffer from long-term health problems,  
15 inadequate academic performance and diet-related deaths at a  
16 rate higher than that of the population as a whole; therefore be  
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the

1 Committee on Health and Human Services to investigate and  
2 consider the problems associated with the lack of supermarkets  
3 in urban and underserved communities in Pennsylvania; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and any  
6 recommendations for legislation to the House of Representatives  
7 within eight months of the adoption of this resolution.