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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 27, 2015

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to promulgate 1 regulations and rules to protect Americans from the use of drones capable of inflicting harm or invading privacy. 3 WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has 4 5 oversight of all aerial vehicles, including drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles, flying or navigating in the National 6 7 Airspace System; and 8 WHEREAS, The FAA is significantly behind schedule on promulgating regulations and rules regarding the safe use of 10 drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles; and 11 WHEREAS, On January 26, 2015, a small drone, undetectable by 12 radar, unexpectedly landed on the White House lawn; and 13 WHEREAS, Businesses and civilians have begun using drones for commercial and recreational uses, respectively, but rules have 14 15 not yet been issued to ensure safety and privacy; and 16 WHEREAS, Drones, which may be GPS guided and equipped with a lethal explosive device, may be capable of inflicting harm or 17

operated in a manner that invades the privacy of Americans; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, It is time for the FAA to expedite the issuance of
- 2 regulations and rules to ensure that drones are airworthy, that
- 3 pilots are properly trained and can only operate in specific
- 4 areas and spaces, that drones do not interfere with other air
- 5 traffic and that the use of drones capable of inflicting harm or
- 6 illegally invading privacy is prohibited; therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the FAA to promulgate
- 9 regulations and rules to protect Americans from the use of
- 10 drones capable of inflicting harm or invading privacy; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That the FAA regulations and rules restrict the
- 13 purchase by the general public of any drone capable of carrying
- 14 and delivering a lethal explosive or otherwise dangerous device
- 15 by requiring registration of manufacturers, registration of
- 16 sales agents, registration of distributors and purchasers,
- 17 inspections and cataloging for at least one year and by
- 18 prohibiting resale with penalties for violations; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That the FAA regulations and rules distinguish
- 21 between an unmanned aerial vehicle considered to be a toy and a
- 22 drone capable of carrying and delivering devices capable of
- 23 causing harm, destroying property or invading the privacy of
- 24 others and distinguish between an unmanned aerial vehicle
- 25 considered to be a toy and one capable of taking professional
- 26 photographs and videos; and be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That the FAA regulations and rules require any
- 28 unmanned aerial vehicle manufactured for professional use to
- 29 have a code number, electronic kill frequency and registry of
- 30 the drone's inventors for background check purposes; and be it

- 1 further
- 2 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 3 the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation
- 4 Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC
- 5 20591.