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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to sustain the
2 President's affirmative decision on the United States
3 Department of Energy's recommendation on a Federal repository
4 for used nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's nine nuclear power reactors have
6 proven to be reliable sources of electricity to Pennsylvania
7 citizens and businesses, producing 36% of the electricity
8 generated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of
10 1982 and directed the Department of Energy to establish a
11 program for the management of the nation's high-level waste,
12 including used nuclear fuel, and for its permanent disposal in a
13 deep geologic repository; and

14 WHEREAS, More than \$7 billion has been spent on scientific
15 testing and studies of Yucca Mountain, Nevada, showing that the
16 proposed site is an ideal repository to safely contain the
17 nation's used nuclear fuel, with a capacity sufficient to meet
18 all foreseeable storage needs; and

1 WHEREAS, Studies of Yucca Mountain have yielded the
2 scientific information necessary for a decision by the United
3 States Secretary of Energy that there are no technical or
4 scientific issues to prevent Yucca Mountain from serving as a
5 permanent repository and clearly support the recommendation by
6 the Secretary to the President of the United States to proceed
7 on licensing a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1983, consumers of electricity from the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have committed nearly \$1.5 billion
10 to the Federal Nuclear Waste Fund to finance site assessment and
11 nuclear waste management; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 urge Congress to sustain the President's affirmative decision on
14 Yucca Mountain's suitability as a permanent Federal repository
15 for used nuclear fuel; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the President and Vice President of the United States, to the
18 United States Secretary of Energy, to the Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives and to each member of Congress
20 from Pennsylvania.