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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, MALAGARI, SCHLOSSBERG, N. NELSON, KINSEY,  
SAMUELSON, BOBACK, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, FREEMAN,  
CIRESI, GUZMAN, WARREN AND O'MARA, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Committee to conduct a  
2 study on the economic costs of flooding on residential homes  
3 and businesses in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Flooding causes billions of dollars of damage and  
5 destroys thousands of homes all over the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Flooding is the most common natural disaster in  
7 Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Emergency Management  
9 Agency, just one inch of water can cause approximately \$25,000  
10 in damage to a home or business; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has experienced at least three major  
12 flooding events in the past 20 years, including Hurricane Ivan  
13 in 2004, Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 and Hurricane Ida in 2021;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Hurricanes Ivan and Ida, along with Tropical Storm  
16 Lee, caused a combined total of more than \$600 million in  
17 property damage; and

1       WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, 24 counties have an average of one  
2 flood event per year; and

3       WHEREAS, There is no singular agency or entity that tracks  
4 and logs property damage done to residential homes and  
5 businesses as a result of flood damage; and

6       WHEREAS, It is important to know how much flooding-related  
7 damage has been done and where the damage has typically occurred  
8 so that the Commonwealth may better target future prevention and  
9 relief efforts; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
11 State Government Commission to conduct a study on the economic  
12 costs of flooding on residential homes and businesses in this  
13 Commonwealth; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the study:

15           (1) Focus primarily on data available for the past 20  
16 years.

17           (2) Identify trends in the costs, locations and types of  
18 damage flooding causes.

19           (3) Include recommendations on how the Commonwealth can  
20 better track and log property damage from flooding.

21           (4) Include recommendations on how the Commonwealth can  
22 better target future flooding-related prevention and relief  
23 efforts;

24 and be it further

25       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a  
26 report of its findings and recommendations and submit the report  
27 to the General Assembly no later than 12 months after the  
28 adoption of this resolution.