HOUSE No. 979

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to adolescents at risk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Colleen M. Garry36th Middlesex1/20/2011

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By Ms. Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 979) of Colleen M. Garry for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to adolescents at risk. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 3420 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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Resolved, That a special commission, to consist of three members of the senate, five members of the house of representatives, the commissioner of youth services or his designee, the commissioner of social services or his designee and three persons to be appointed by the governor is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to adolescents at risk, including, but not limited to, youths involved with the departments of youth services and social services, teen pregnancy and school dropouts and other issues related to adolescence.

Said commission shall report to the house of representative the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December first, 2009.