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SENATE . . . . . No. 1865

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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By Mr. Kennedy, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1865) of Kennedy to provide for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *951* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

Resolved, Resolved, That notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary there is hereby established a Special Commission to investigate and make recommendations to the General Court concerning the use of manufactured wood products and light weight wood frame truss assemblies so called. Such investigation shall study the inordinate number of firefighter deaths and injuries in this construction type, the impact these type building products will have on fire insurance rates in the Commonwealth, whether full disclosure to home buyers detailing the fire resistive qualities of these products compared to dimension lumber construction should be mandated and what steps should be taken to mitigate any problems associated with these products.

Said Committee shall comprise three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, a representative of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of

12 the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and a representative of the Professional Firefighters

13 of Massachusetts.

14 Said Committee shall report its findings to the General Court no later than January 1,

15 2012.