

HOUSE No. 4562

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 30, 2016.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Resolve relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley (House, No. 4058), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4562).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

Resolve relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley.

1 Resolved, That there is hereby established a special commission to investigate and report
2 on the preservation of Polish culture and history in the Pioneer Valley. The purpose of the
3 special commission shall be to: (i) promote public support and funding of Polish cultural
4 preservation activities in western Massachusetts; (ii) compliment activities that acknowledge the
5 contributions people of Polish heritage have made and continue to make to the Pioneer Valley
6 and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and; (iii) evaluate the public and private resources
7 available to preserve and research Polish language, history, culture, genealogy, music and the
8 immigrant experience. The special commission shall be comprised of 3 members of the house of
9 representatives to be appointed by the speaker, of which at least 2 shall be of Polish heritage; 2
10 members of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 3 members to be appointed by the
11 governor, all of whom shall be officers in Polish heritage or Polish genealogical organizations
12 located in Hampshire, Hampden or Franklin counties; a designee of the Polish Discovery Center,
13 located in the town of Chicopee and; 1 member to be recommended by the chair of the Slavic
14 studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

15 The special commission shall file its report with the clerks of the house and senate, and
16 the chairmen of the house and senate committees on ways and means, no later than July 1, 2017.