

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**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 passage of the accompanying bill:  
Resolve providing for investigating construction practices and their impact on firefighter deaths.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## RESOLVE

### Resolved,

- 1 That notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary there is hereby established a Special Commission
- 2 to investigate and make recommendations to the General Court concerning the use of manufactured wood products
- 3 and light weight wood frame truss assemblies so called. Such investigation shall study the inordinate number of
- 4 firefighter deaths and injuries in this construction type, the impact these type building products will have on fire
- 5 insurance rates in the Commonwealth, whether full disclosure to home buyers detailing the fire resistive qualities of
- 6 these products compared to dimension lumber construction should be mandated and what steps should be taken to
- 7 mitigate any problems associated with these products.
  
- 8 Said Committee shall comprise three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, a
- 9 representative of the Executive Office of Public Safety, a representative of the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs
- 10 Association, and a representative of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.
  
- 11 Said Committee shall report its findings to the General Court no later than January 1, 2010.