

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 6,
2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2009 as "Beef Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The beef industry in Pennsylvania contributes \$2
4 billion to the economy each year and is an integral part of our
5 leading industry, agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, Beef producers in this Commonwealth are helping to
7 ensure a quality food supply for consumers through voluntary
8 quality assurance programs that help to ensure safe, nutritious
9 meat products; and

10 WHEREAS, This segment of the farm community plays a vital
11 role in keeping agricultural land in production by adopting
12 environmental practices that enhance the land and preserve its
13 viability for future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Two of the largest United States beef packers are
15 located in this Commonwealth, accounting for more than 1 million
16 head of cattle, beef and dairy origin, harvested annually; and

17 WHEREAS, Consumer demand for beef has been increasing

1 steadily in recent years due to the promotion, research and
2 education efforts paid for by beef producers through a \$1
3 checkoff program for each animal sold; and

4 WHEREAS, Beef continues to be a safe, wholesome part of the
5 dinner and lunch menus in homes and restaurants across this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cattle industry is agile, committed
8 and responsive to animal and human health issues, assuring
9 producers and consumers alike that issues concerning food safety
10 and illness can be addressed promptly, professionally and
11 thoroughly; and

12 WHEREAS, All beef produced under the PA Preferred Program is
13 certified by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance Program;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 month of May 2009 as "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania.