

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2011

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VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, STERN, GIBBONS, DONATUCCI AND
PAYNE, JUNE 10, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
10, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 20 through 26, 2011, as "Pollinator
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as birds and insects,
4 including bees, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers
5 in producing much of our food supply; and

6 WHEREAS, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our
7 national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and
8 wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational
9 opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development
10 opportunities for communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Pollinator species, such as bees, provide
12 significant environmental benefits that are necessary for
13 maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has managed wildlife habitats and
15 public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bee Law, which appears in Chapter 21 of Title 3
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and other laws and
3 regulatory means provide producers with conservation assistance
4 to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the
5 protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on
6 working lands and wildlands and, through the Department of
7 Agriculture, register and regulate each apiary; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association works
9 with the Department of Agriculture to promote pollination,
10 beekeeping and the production of honey; and

11 WHEREAS, Among its activities, the association:

12 (1) produces a newsletter ten times per year;

13 (2) meets twice yearly to conduct business;

14 (3) operates a booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and
15 Ag Progress Days to promote honey and beekeeping;

16 (4) maintains an education program to inspire new
17 beekeepers and to continue to investigate avenues to provide
18 information to more accomplished beekeepers;

19 (5) supports Delaware Valley College and The
20 Pennsylvania State University in projects, staff and grant
21 requests that further research and continually promote
22 beekeeping; and

23 (6) operates the Honey Queen Program to promote honey
24 and to provide beekeepers across this Commonwealth with a
25 resource person to assist in promoting honey in local areas;

26 and

27 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership is a nonprofit
28 organization that protects the health of managed and native
29 pollinating animals vital to North American ecosystems and
30 agriculture; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership collaborates with
2 stakeholders who manage or influence landscapes to do a better
3 job of sharing the landscape with pollinators; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership's mission is to protect
5 pollinators critical to food and ecosystems through
6 conservation, education and research through a National
7 Pollinator Week, a North American Pollinator Protection Campaign
8 and Ecoregional Planting Guides; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 week of June 20 through 26, 2011, as "Pollinator Week" in
11 Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
13 Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association, The Pennsylvania
14 State University Cooperative Extension, Delaware Valley College
15 and the Department of Agriculture for their cooperative efforts
16 to promote pollination, beekeeping and the production of honey;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the
19 efforts of the Pollination Partnership to annually observe a
20 National Pollinator Week; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor
22 to issue a proclamation urging all citizens to recognize this
23 observance; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the Governor, the Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania
26 Beekeepers Association and the Pollination Partnership.