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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

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INTRODUCED BY BRUBAKER, WAUGH, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, FONTANA,  
TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, ROBBINS, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, FERLO,  
KASUNIC, KITCHEN, ORIE, FOLMER, COSTA, PIPPY, GREENLEAF,  
BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, REGOLA, EARLL, D. WHITE, BROWNE, M. WHITE,  
WASHINGTON AND TOMLINSON, APRIL 3, 2008

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REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 3, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 2008 as "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania.

2        WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 28,000 beef producers who  
3 provide safe, quality food products to consumers across this  
4 Commonwealth; and

5        WHEREAS, More than 1.6 million beef cattle in this  
6 Commonwealth contribute \$2 billion to the economy; and

7        WHEREAS, Two of the largest United States beef packers are  
8 located in this Commonwealth, accounting for more than one  
9 million head of cattle, beef and dairy, harvested annually; and

10        WHEREAS, The Commonwealth implements beef, dairy and veal  
11 quality assurance programs that train and certify cattle  
12 producers in best management practices; and

13        WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's beef producers are stewards of  
14 the land, promoting environmental practices that allow them to  
15 pass their improved farms and ranches to the next generation;  
16 and

1       WHEREAS, Beef provides consumers in this Commonwealth with a  
2 rich supply of important nutrients, including zinc, iron and  
3 protein; and

4       WHEREAS, Cattle inventory accounts for 94.8% of the total  
5 value of livestock in this Commonwealth; and

6       WHEREAS, More than one million jobs are provided through the  
7 beef industry, including farmers and ranchers who produce feeder  
8 or breeding cattle, stocker operators, cattle feeders who bring  
9 the cattle to market weight, as well as hundreds of various  
10 allied industry partners and companies; and

11       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's cattle industry is agile,  
12 committed and responsive to animal and human health issues,  
13 assuring producers and consumers alike that issues concerning  
14 food safety and illness can be addressed promptly,  
15 professionally and thoroughly; and

16       WHEREAS, All beef produced under the PA Preferred Program is  
17 certified by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance Program;  
18 and

19       WHEREAS, Weis Markets, a Pennsylvania-owned company, proudly  
20 carries beef produced by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance  
21 Program; and

22       WHEREAS, May is the beginning of summer grilling season and a  
23 perfect time for residents of this Commonwealth to grill  
24 hamburgers, steaks and kabobs from their favorite grocery store;  
25 therefore be it

26       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2008 as  
27 "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania and salute cattle farmers and the  
28 beef industry for their contributions to agriculture and their  
29 dedication to providing affordable, quality products to  
30 consumers.