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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 2010 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester
3 County, now recognized as the "mushroom capital of the world";
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is witnessing a growing and
6 productive mushroom agribusiness in many parts of Pennsylvania;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth leads the nation in mushroom
9 production, with dedicated and innovative mushroom growers
10 producing 496.7 million pounds each year, valued at more than
11 \$453 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania mushroom producers supply 63% of the
13 nation's agaricus mushrooms, the conventional button variety
14 that accounts for most of the nation's mushroom sales; and

15 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities
16 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a

1 consistent, high-quality crop; and

2 WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical
3 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor
4 production and safety. Mushroom growers carefully prepare
5 compost, generate an indoor pasteurization process, control
6 temperature and humidity and harvest their crop thanks to
7 advancements in technology; and

8 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the
9 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and
10 traditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry in this Commonwealth greatly
12 contributes to the economy of Chester County and Pennsylvania,
13 offering a marketable product for export; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, In recognition of Pennsylvania's thriving
15 agriculture industry, that the Senate of Pennsylvania designate
16 September 2010, as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania, encourage
17 all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of
18 the mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable
19 mushroom crop, recognized for superior quality and its
20 significance to Pennsylvania's economy.