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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Forest  
2 Fire Wardens in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 2.2 million acres of State  
4 forest lands and 17 million acres of woodlands that stretch  
5 across this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Wildfire threatens these areas, especially during  
7 the spring and fall; and

8 WHEREAS, In order to preserve these natural resources, the  
9 Commonwealth relies on about 1,600 people who serve as volunteer  
10 forest fire wardens; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania forest fire warden system was  
12 established by the act of June 3, 1915 (P.L.797, No.353),  
13 referred to as the Forest Fire Protection Act; and

1       WHEREAS, Forest fire wardens in this Commonwealth actively  
2 promote fire prevention in their communities and often visit  
3 schools and civic groups in a Statewide team effort that in 2013  
4 earned them recognition from the Forest Service of the United  
5 States Department of Agriculture; and

6       WHEREAS, The efforts of forest fire wardens are worthy of  
7 formal recognition by the Commonwealth during the 100th  
8 anniversary of their founding; therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the  
10 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Forest Fire Wardens in  
11 this Commonwealth.