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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARTIN, RAFFERTY, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2018 as "Mushroom Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester  
4 County, now recognized as the "Mushroom Capital of the World";  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom  
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads  
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced 577 million pounds of  
11 mushrooms in the last growing season with an estimated value of  
12 \$560 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom producers supplied 65% of  
14 the white, brown and specialty varieties grown in the United  
15 States in the 2016-2017 growing season; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and  
17 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

1       WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities  
2 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a  
3 consistent, high-quality crop; and

4       WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical  
5 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor  
6 production and safety; and

7       WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate  
8 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and  
9 humidity and harvest their crop thanks to advancements in  
10 technology; and

11       WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the  
12 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and  
13 traditions; and

14       WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry greatly  
15 contributes to the economies of Chester County and this  
16 Commonwealth while preserving this Commonwealth's agricultural  
17 traditions and customs; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
19 2018 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of  
20 Pennsylvania's thriving agriculture industry, and encourage all  
21 residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the  
22 mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable mushroom  
23 crop, recognized for superior quality and its significance to  
24 this Commonwealth's economy.