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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 192 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BURNS,  
CALTAGIRONE, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DIGIROLAMO, ECKER, EVERETT,  
HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MARKOSEK, MENTZER,  
MILLARD, MULLINS, MURT, NEILSON, O'MARA, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
ROTHMAN, RYAN, STURLA AND WILLIAMS, APRIL 2, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 2, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 26, 2019, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the center of American pretzel  
3 production for both the hard and crispy and the soft bread types  
4 of pretzels; and

5 WHEREAS, Southeastern Pennsylvania, with its large population  
6 of German Americans, is considered the birthplace of the  
7 American pretzel industry and many pretzel bakers are still  
8 located in this area today; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania produces approximately 80% of the  
10 nation's pretzels; and

11 WHEREAS, The Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, located in  
12 Lititz, became the first commercial hard pretzel bakery in the  
13 United States in 1861; and

14 WHEREAS, The Anderson Pretzel Bakery opened in Lancaster in  
15 1888 and calls itself the world's largest pretzel factory,

1 producing approximately 65 tons of hard pretzels daily; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1935, the Reading Pretzel Machinery Company,  
3 located in Reading, introduced the first automatic pretzel  
4 twisting machine; and

5 WHEREAS, "National Pretzel Day" was initially declared in  
6 1983 by United States Representative Robert S. Walker of  
7 Lancaster County; and

8 WHEREAS, Former Governor Ed Rendell re-declared the holiday  
9 in 2003 to acknowledge the importance of the pretzel to this  
10 Commonwealth's history and economy; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
12 26, 2019, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.