A RESOLUTION

Designating October 4, 2020, as "Truck Driver Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Alexander Winton invented the semi-trailer in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898; and

WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates there are 1 million professional men and women classified as light delivery or heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers; and

WHEREAS, More than 80% of United States communities depend solely on trucking for delivery of their goods and commodities; and

WHEREAS, Truckers deliver about 10 billion tons of freight, or about 70% of all the freight moved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The average trucker will drive over 100,000 road miles per year; and
WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers faced unprecedented circumstances to safely deliver important goods to every home, community, school and business in this Commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Hard-working men and women who faced significant hardships of closed restaurants and rest areas in order to maintain the supply chain within this Commonwealth are the lifeblood of our economy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers worked longer hours, under stressful circumstances, to keep the shelves of our local supermarkets stocked with life-essential products; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers risked exposure to the coronavirus in order to ensure that hospitals and clinics received life-saving blood, medicine and diagnostic equipment; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers are the unsung heroes of our economy and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The observance of "Truck Driver Appreciation Day" honors professional truck drivers for their dedication in tackling one of our economy's most demanding and critical jobs during unprecedented circumstances; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October 4, 2020, as "Truck Driver Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the residents, organizations and communities of this Commonwealth to join in this observance by commending professional truck drivers for the essential role they have played in the lives of every Pennsylvanian. 10-4.