A RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 2, 2020, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry directly adds more than $70 billion in value to Pennsylvania's economy every year; and

WHEREAS, The manufacturing sector is a leading contributor to gross State product at 12%; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania manufacturers sell more than $31 billion worth of goods overseas annually, representing 90% of all State exports; and

WHEREAS, More than 560,000 Pennsylvania workers are employed in the manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, Millions of additional Pennsylvania jobs are directly sustained by manufacturing in supply chains, distribution networks, warehousing and logistics; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs have above-average wages and
benefits, with average annual income of more than $61,000, 44% higher than nonmanufacturing sectors; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing drives innovation and productivity, accounting for 70% of all research and development expenditures in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, With more than 10,000 positions remaining unfilled in Pennsylvania due to lack of a trainable workforce, students and young people need to look to the manufacturing industry for opportunity, professional growth and family-sustaining jobs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October 2, 2020, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives note manufacturing's significant contributions to the economy and workforce development in this Commonwealth and beyond.