A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Energy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush first declared October as "National Energy Awareness Month" in 1991; and

WHEREAS, President Bush encouraged the Federal Government and organizations to recognize the importance of responsibly managing the nation's energy resources; and

WHEREAS, The United States has taken great strides toward energy efficiency by developing and promoting energy-efficient products in homes; and

WHEREAS, The use of energy-efficient products has reduced consumer utility bills; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government and the Commonwealth have promoted energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA), Pennsylvania:

(1) is the second-largest natural gas producer in the
United States;

(2) is the second-largest net supplier of total energy to other states;
(3) is the third-largest coal producing state; and
(4) ranks third in electricity generation and, in 2018, nuclear power was the largest electricity generator in this Commonwealth;

and

WHEREAS, The EIA reports that as of 2018, approximately 51% of Pennsylvania households used natural gas as their primary home heating fuel, 22% used electricity and 24% used fuel oil and other heating fuels, including propane and wood; and

WHEREAS, According to the EIA, Pennsylvania's first commercial wind farm started generating electricity in 2000, and this Commonwealth currently has 24 operating wind farms with approximately 1,400 megawatts of capacity; and

WHEREAS, According to the Solar Energies Industries Association, Pennsylvania had approximately 68,000 homes powered by solar energy, there were approximately 4,200 solar jobs as of 2019 and approximately $179,000,000 were invested in 2019 in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of October 2020 as "Energy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.