
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 376 Session of
1992

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HARPER, PESCI, HECKLER, HARLEY, PETRARCA, E. Z. TAYLOR AND
COLAIZZO, SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September as "Honey Month" and
2 recognizing beekeeping as an important agricultural industry
3 in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania beekeepers with five or more hives
5 produce approximately 1.5 million pounds of honey annually with
6 an estimated value of \$1 million; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has an estimated 7,000 beekeepers
8 managing approximately 85,000 colonies; and

9 WHEREAS, Honey bees are essential for the production of
10 Pennsylvania apples, pears, peaches, cherries, plums,
11 strawberries, blueberries, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash,
12 crown vetch and red clover seed. The value of honey bee
13 pollination in terms of increased quality and quantity of this
14 Commonwealth's fruits alone is approximately \$70 million; and

15 WHEREAS, Honey bees work every day of the year. There are no

1 holidays, vacations or retirement plans. Honey bees do not take
2 coffee breaks. Every individual is needed for full-time honey
3 production; and

4 WHEREAS, A honey bee colony requires the management and
5 supervision of a human to operate most efficiently. Beekeepers
6 ensure that honey bee colonies are located near good nectar
7 sources and will provide space for the storage of honey.
8 Beekeepers also prepare the colonies to withstand any period of
9 excessive cold or heat or excessive rainfall or drought;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of September as "Honey Month" to recognize the hard work
13 of the honey bee and beekeepers.