THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 421 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE, HERSHEY, CAUSER, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BELARDI, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DENLINGER, ELLIS, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HANNA, HARRIS, HERMAN, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KOTIK, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McGILL, MELIO, MUNDY, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, QUIGLEY, RAMALEY, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, ZUG, DELUCA, DiGIROLAMO, BEYER, PISTELLA, B. SMITH, COSTA, PICKETT, METCALFE, SIPTROTH AND MAJOR, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 24, 2005, as "National Hunting and Fishing 2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, Conserving our Commonwealth's natural and wildlife

4 resources is one of the most important responsibilities we owe

5 to future generations, and we acknowledge that we borrow our

6 environmental resources from our children; and

7 WHEREAS, Hunters and anglers were among the first

8 conservationists to realize this responsibility when they saw

9 firsthand, over 100 years ago, how expanding civilization and

10 unregulated exploitation of our natural resources and wildlife

1 caused disastrous declines in species populations in

2 Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hunters and anglers took steps to 4 reverse this trend by helping to found the conservation 5 movement, supporting laws to stop unregulated exploitation of wildlife and helping to establish game and fish laws for 6 wildlife protection and sound management practices; and 7 8 WHEREAS, Hunters and anglers also suggested and supported laws to establish special hunting and fishing license fees and 9 10 taxes on their equipment to pay for conservation and protection 11 programs; and

WHEREAS, These conservationists have contributed more than \$23 billion for conservation and wildlife protection through fees and taxes as well as through private contributions of time, labor and money; and

WHEREAS, Conservation programs supported and financed by Pennsylvania hunters, trappers and anglers have benefited hundreds of wildlife species such as white-tailed deer, elk, wild turkey, otters, bald eagles and songbirds; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize September 24, 2005, as "National Hunting and Fishing Day."