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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 344 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY MAJOR, PICKETT, BOBACK, STABACK, BEAR, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COHEN, COSTA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, M. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MANN, MANTZ, MARSICO, MCILHATTAN, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, NAILOR, PALLONE, PAYNE, PERZEL, PHILLIPS, PYLE, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHIMKUS, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, R. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRUE, TURZAI, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI, SWANGER, ROHRER, MURT, MOYER, CAUSER AND CONKLIN, JUNE 21, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 21, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Harford Agricultural Society of Harford,  
2 Susquehanna County, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary  
3 of the Harford Fair.

4 WHEREAS, The Harford Agricultural Society is holding its  
5 annual fair during the third full week of August; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 65,000 visitors from near and far come  
7 to celebrate this longstanding tradition; and

8 WHEREAS, The fair is celebrating its 150th anniversary the  
9 week of August 20 through 25, 2007; and

10 WHEREAS, The Harford Agricultural Society held its first  
11 fair, with 76 members, on November 9, 1858, in the sheds around  
12 the First Congregational Church; and

13 WHEREAS, The one-day event was moved to October a few years

1 later; and

2 WHEREAS, The fair became a two-day event in 1865; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1880, the 117-acre fairgrounds hosted 1,000 teams  
4 of oxen and 3,500 people; and

5 WHEREAS, While the acreage has remained the same, the number  
6 of exhibitors, visitors and entertainers has grown, as has the  
7 length of the fair; and

8 WHEREAS, The fair is now a six-day event with 23 different  
9 departments; and

10 WHEREAS, Last year's fair featured 1,539 exhibitors  
11 displaying 7,519 items for competition; and

12 WHEREAS, There are 209 commercial vendors who display their  
13 wares as well; and

14 WHEREAS, The 150th Celebration Planning Committee along with  
15 the 12 members of the board of directors, the fair secretary and  
16 the office staff have worked diligently to make the event truly  
17 memorable; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to the popular annual events of the  
19 rodeo, horse and tractor pulls, woodsmen's contest and  
20 demolition derby, new attractions providing old-fashioned fun  
21 include a women's skillet throw, men's hay bale toss, children's  
22 greased pole contest, male and female wheelbarrow race and  
23 watermelon bubble-bursting contest; and

24 WHEREAS, From infant to octogenarian, there is something for  
25 everyone at the Harford Fair; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Harford  
27 Agricultural Society of Harford, Susquehanna County, on the  
28 occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Harford Fair.