

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 738 Session of
2008

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WATSON, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI AND D. O'BRIEN, MAY 2, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 2, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 2008 as "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The beef industry in this Commonwealth contributes
3 \$2 billion to the economy and is an integral part of the State's
4 leading industry, agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, Beef producers in this Commonwealth are helping to
6 ensure a quality food supply for consumers through voluntary
7 quality assurance programs that help to ensure safe, nutritious
8 meat products; and

9 WHEREAS, This segment of the farming community plays a vital
10 role in keeping agricultural land in production by adopting
11 environmental practices that enhance the land and preserve its
12 viability for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Two of the largest United States beef packers are
2 located in this Commonwealth, accounting for more than one
3 million head of cattle, beef and dairy origin, harvested
4 annually; and

5 WHEREAS, Consumer demand for beef has been increasing
6 steadily in recent years due to the promotion, research and
7 education efforts paid for by beef producers through a \$1
8 checkoff program for each animal sold; and

9 WHEREAS, Beef continues to be a safe, wholesome part of the
10 dinner and lunch menus in homes and restaurants across this
11 Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's cattle industry is agile,
13 committed and responsive to animal and human health issues,
14 assuring producers and consumers alike that issues concerning
15 food safety and illness can be addressed promptly,
16 professionally and thoroughly; and

17 WHEREAS, All beef produced under the Pennsylvania Preferred
18 program is certified by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance
19 Program; and

20 WHEREAS, Weis Markets, a Pennsylvania-owned company, proudly
21 carries beef produced by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance
22 Program; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of May 2008 as "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania.