

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
29, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing southern Chester County as "The Nursery Capital" of
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The horticultural industry is vital to the economy,
4 environment and the quality of life in this Commonwealth, its
5 communities and its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the National Agriculture Statistics
7 Service, there are more than 3,000 greenhouses and nurseries in
8 Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
10 Agriculture Census of Agriculture, the nursery industry in
11 Chester County generated more than \$400 million in 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2007, Chester County had approximately 186
13 nursery farms; and

14 WHEREAS, Southern Chester County has the largest per capita
15 percentage of land dedicated to nurseries and growing of nursery

1 plants in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Southern Chester County is home to several tree
3 nurseries that raise and sell trees and shrubs to clients on the
4 West Coast in states such as California, as well as up and down
5 the East Coast from New England to North Carolina; and

6 WHEREAS, The Conard-Pyle Company, which hosts one of the
7 oldest and premier rose growers in the country, Star Roses, was
8 founded in 1897 in southern Chester County; and

9 WHEREAS, The Conard-Pyle Company introduced the "Peace" rose
10 to the United States, which is considered by many experts to be
11 the most famous and successful rose of all time; and

12 WHEREAS, The Conard-Pyle Company evolved from a retail mail
13 order firm specializing in roses to one of the largest wholesale
14 container growers on the East Coast; and

15 WHEREAS, W.D. Wells and Associates, Inc., also located in
16 Chester County, is an award-winning landscape design company and
17 tree nursery, with almost 100 acres of tree and shrub nurseries
18 and with clients located up and down the East Coast; therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
21 southern Chester County as "The Nursery Capital" of
22 Pennsylvania.