

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 637 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, MARCH 27, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH
27, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 18 through 24, 2012, as "Pollinator
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as birds and insects,
4 including bees, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers
5 in producing much of our food supply; and

6 WHEREAS, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our
7 national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and
8 wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational
9 opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development
10 opportunities for communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Pollinator species, such as bees, provide
12 significant environmental benefits that are necessary for
13 maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has managed wildlife habitats and
15 public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bee Law, which appears in Chapter 21 of Title 3
17 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and other laws and
18 regulatory means provide producers with conservation assistance

1 to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the
2 protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on
3 working lands and wildlands and, through the Department of
4 Agriculture, register and regulate each apiary; therefore be it
5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
6 week of June 18 through 24, 2012, as "Pollinator Week" in
7 Pennsylvania.