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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND FARRY, MARCH 14, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 22, 2016, as "March for Meals Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger among senior citizens in America is a serious
4 and pervasive problem, with one in six seniors threatened by
5 hunger; and

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that 9.3 million seniors faced
7 the threat of hunger in 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, 15.2 million seniors are isolated and
9 living alone; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently, 18.4 million seniors have difficulty
11 paying for basic living needs; and

12 WHEREAS, The senior population in the United States is
13 projected to double by 2050; and

14 WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)

1 annually sponsors the March for Meals campaign, which is
2 designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage
3 action at the local level; and

4 WHEREAS, Senior nutrition programs across the United States
5 promote March for Meals in their communities through public
6 events, volunteer recruitment efforts, partnerships with local
7 businesses and fundraising initiatives; and

8 WHEREAS, MOWAA is the oldest and largest national
9 organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based
10 programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing
11 senior isolation and hunger; and

12 WHEREAS, MOWAA coalesces the resources of the Federal and
13 state governments, local community organizations and businesses,
14 donors and 2 million volunteers into a national safety net for
15 Americans who are 60 years of age or older; and

16 WHEREAS, An important goal of the 2010 March for Meals
17 campaign was to have Americans team up with their local Meals on
18 Wheels program and take a pledge to end senior hunger in the
19 United States by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, To achieve this mission, MOWAA has set a goal to
21 recruit 6 million people willing to stand up and pledge to do
22 whatever is necessary to end senior hunger; and

23 WHEREAS, The annual March for Meals campaign hopes to
24 continue its significant contribution toward realizing this
25 ambitious and most worthy goal, and residents of this
26 Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in this effort to
27 fight senior citizen hunger; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
29 22, 2016, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.