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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 805 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BIZZARRO, BURNS, CONKLIN, SCHLEGEL  
CULVER, ECKER, HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, KIM, KORTZ, MENTZER,  
MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN, SAYLOR,  
STAATS, THOMAS, TOEPEL AND ZABEL, MARCH 10, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, MARCH 10, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 26, 2020, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the center of American pretzel  
3 production for both hard and crispy and soft bread types of  
4 pretzels; and

5 WHEREAS, Southeastern Pennsylvania, with its large population  
6 of German Americans, is considered the birthplace of the  
7 American pretzel industry and many pretzel bakers are still  
8 located in this area today; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania produces approximately 80% of the  
10 nation's pretzels; and

11 WHEREAS, The Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, located in  
12 Lititz, became the first commercial hard pretzel bakery in the  
13 United States in 1861; and

14 WHEREAS, The Anderson Pretzel Bakery opened in Lancaster in  
15 1888 and calls itself the world's largest pretzel factory,  
16 producing approximately 65 tons of hard pretzels daily; and

1       WHEREAS, In 1935, the Reading Pretzel Machinery Company,  
2 located in Reading, introduced the first automatic pretzel  
3 twisting machine; and

4       WHEREAS, "National Pretzel Day" was initially declared in  
5 1983 by United States Representative Robert S. Walker of  
6 Lancaster County; and

7       WHEREAS, Former Governor Ed Rendell redeclared the holiday in  
8 2003 to acknowledge the importance of the pretzel to this  
9 Commonwealth's history and economy; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
11 26, 2020, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.