

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2020 as "Mushroom Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester
4 County, now recognized as the "Mushroom Capital of the World";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced 63% of all white
11 mushrooms in the United States, valued at \$554.4 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and
13 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities
15 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a
16 consistent, high-quality crop; and

17 WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical
18 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor

1 production and safety; and

2 WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate
3 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and
4 humidity and harvest their crop, thanks to advancements in
5 technology; and

6 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the
7 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and
8 traditions; and

9 WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry contributes
10 greatly to the economies of Chester County and this Commonwealth
11 while preserving this Commonwealth's agricultural traditions and
12 customs; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
14 2020 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
15 Pennsylvania's thriving agriculture industry and encourage all
16 residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the
17 mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable mushroom
18 crop recognized for superior quality and its significance to
19 this Commonwealth's economy.