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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative Deberah Kula NK

DATE:

March 30, 2011

SUBJECT:

Resolution Proclaiming June as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania

In the near future, I plan to introduce a Resolution proclaiming June as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania. Agriculture is the top industry in the Commonwealth and dairy farming is the main driver behind it.

Pennsylvania is home to more than 7,571 dairy farms making us the 5th largest Dairy Producing State. The impact of dairy farming on our state economy cannot be overstated. With more than 545,000 cows producing nearly 11 billion pounds of milk, dairy farming contributes more than \$7 billion annually to the state's economy.

In a time when our dairy farmers are more financially distressed than ever, we must bring as much attention as possible to their vital role in Pennsylvania's economy. A strong dairy industry in Pennsylvania creates and sustains jobs.

Through this resolution, we can recognize the outstanding contributions made by Pennsylvania's dairy farmers and their families to the Commonwealth as well as thank them for their hard work. I urge you to join me in supporting this resolution. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Joyce Martin at 717-772-1858 or imartin@pahouse.net.