

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of August 2013 as "Produce Month" in
2 Pennsylvania and recognizing the contributions of the
3 vegetable industry of this Commonwealth to the economy and
4 citizens of this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry generates over
6 \$148 million in revenues to the economy of this Commonwealth;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Four thousand three hundred farm families manage
9 about 55,000 acres which produce over 300,000 tons of vegetables
10 for fresh and processing use; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable growers are national
12 leaders in the production of pumpkins, processing snap beans,
13 cantaloupes, fresh market sweet corn, fresh market tomatoes and
14 fresh market cabbage; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania vegetables are both delicious and
16 nutritious, providing important vitamins, fiber and other
17 dietary components that are essential to a healthy balanced
18 diet; and

1 WHEREAS, Health authorities have long encouraged increased
2 consumption of vegetables for both nutritional and disease
3 prevention purposes; and

4 WHEREAS, Fresh Pennsylvania vegetables are available in
5 abundant supply and peak quality at community farmers' markets,
6 roadside farm markets and supermarkets throughout this
7 Commonwealth during August; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry is committed to
9 using integrated pest management and other good agricultural
10 practices to produce, in an environmentally sound manner,
11 vegetables and vegetable products that are both nutritious and
12 safe; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
14 month of August 2013 as "Produce Month" in Pennsylvania and
15 recognize the contributions of the vegetable industry of this
16 Commonwealth to the economy and citizens of this Commonwealth.