

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Game Commission to explore the
2 possibility of opening the rifle hunting season for white-
3 tailed deer in Pennsylvania on the Saturday directly
4 following Thanksgiving.

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission is the agency with
6 ultimate management authority for white-tailed deer; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, an
8 estimated 343,110 deer were harvested during the 2012-2013 deer
9 hunting seasons, with 225,220 being taken during the regular
10 rifle deer season; and

11 WHEREAS, Deer hunting is one of this Commonwealth's most
12 valued traditions and has a significant economic impact on this
13 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Hunters have less available time to hunt due to the
15 ever-increasing demands of work, family and other obligations;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, For many hunters, taking a day off work or missing
18 other obligations in order to hunt on the traditional Monday

1 start to the season can create additional financial burden
2 during challenging economic times; and

3 WHEREAS, Opening the regular rifle deer season on the
4 Saturday following Thanksgiving could help generate more
5 interest and participation in deer hunting in this Commonwealth
6 due to the additional opportunity it would provide; therefore be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
9 Pennsylvania Game Commission to explore the possibility of
10 opening the rifle deer hunting season on the Saturday directly
11 following Thanksgiving; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
13 Pennsylvania Game Commission.