

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 521 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, MIRABITO, COHEN, KORTZ, MILLARD, JAMES,
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MAJOR, READSHAW, PAINTER, MURT, SANKEY, DENLINGER, HARHART
AND PETRI, OCTOBER 21, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 21, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the historic achievement of preserving 100,000 acres of
2 farmland in Lancaster County and expressing gratitude for the
3 hard work of members of the Lancaster County Agricultural
4 Preserve Board, Lancaster Farmland Trust and the community
5 for supporting ongoing preservation efforts.

6 WHEREAS, Lancaster County proudly celebrates its agricultural
7 heritage as the "Garden Spot of America" by preserving its
8 farmland; and

9 WHEREAS, The beauty of Lancaster County's agriculture
10 attracts tourists from across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, Lancaster County produces over \$1 billion of
12 agricultural products each year; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1980, the Lancaster County Commissioners
14 established a 9-member agricultural preserve board to provide
15 the county with guidance on implementing a deed farmland
16 preservation program; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1982, the first conservation easements were

1 donated to Lancaster County; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1988, the Lancaster County Farmland Trust was
3 established to assist in reaching out to plain-sect farmers in
4 the county; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board and
6 Lancaster Farmland Trust have worked cooperatively with the
7 Federal Government, State agencies and municipalities to further
8 its goals; and

9 WHEREAS, Lancaster County owns the distinction of being the
10 only county in the nation to have preserved 100,000 acres of
11 farmland; and therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
13 historic achievement of preserving 100,000 acres of farmland in
14 Lancaster County and express gratitude for the hard work of
15 members of the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board,
16 Lancaster Farmland Trust and the community for supporting
17 ongoing preservation efforts.