

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 13, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 16 through 22, 2016, as
2 "National Forest Products Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize "National Forest
4 Products Week" to remind Pennsylvanians of the unique
5 contributions the forest products industry has made to the
6 history, texture and quality of life in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The first paper mill in the United States was
8 founded in Pennsylvania in 1690; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 10% of this Commonwealth's manufacturing
10 work force is involved in the industry, with approximately
11 60,000 Pennsylvanians making a livelihood connected to the
12 industry; and

13 WHEREAS, Forest products encompass an incredibly wide range
14 of products with nearly limitless everyday uses from
15 facilitating education, communications, hygiene, food storage
16 and product protection to providing shelter and adding beauty to

1 our homes; and

2 WHEREAS, There are more than 3,000 separate businesses
3 involved in the forest products industry with a presence in
4 every county of this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, The industry's responsible stewardship of our
6 forests and commitment to sustainable practices are the reasons
7 that Pennsylvania has more forests today than 25 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Forest Products Association,
9 representing all sectors of the forest products industry, was
10 created in 1980 to provide a unified voice on State legislative
11 and regulatory issues; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council
13 within the Department of Agriculture is charged with the
14 promotion, development and expansion of the State's hardwoods
15 industry; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania WoodMobile, the traveling
17 educational exhibit made possible by the joint partnership
18 between the industry and the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development
19 Council, will "go urban" during "National Forest Products Week"
20 with visits to Philadelphia, Allentown, Bethlehem, Scranton,
21 Wilkes-Barre, Erie and Pittsburgh; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 week of October 16 through 22, 2016, as "National Forest
24 Products Week" in Pennsylvania.