## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing September 28, 2002, as "National Hunting and Fishing 2 Day."
- 3 WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing have always been an important
- 4 part of the American tradition. While these activities may no
- 5 longer be necessary for survival, as they were in the early days
- 6 of this Commonwealth, they are still relevant today; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Sportsmen have been in the forefront of the
- 8 conservation movement for over one hundred years. Not content
- 9 with merely vocalizing their support, hunters and anglers
- 10 requested special fees and taxes on their equipment which help
- 11 pay for wildlife management and other conservation programs; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Sportsman-financed programs have led to the dramatic

- 1 comeback of white-tailed deer, elk, antelope, wild turkey and
- 2 numerous other wildlife species; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Individuals, and through their organizations,
- 4 hunters and anglers volunteer countless hours of their time for
- 5 local conservation projects and to raise funds for conservation;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, The idea of devoting a special day to honor
- 8 sportspersons who hunt and fish for their leading role in the
- 9 conservation of fish, wildlife and other natural resources
- 10 originated with a Pennsylvanian, Ira Joffe of Upper Darby; and
- 11 WHEREAS, September 28 marks the 31st anniversary of the first
- 12 "National Hunting and Fishing Day"; therefore be it
- 13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
- 14 September 28, 2002, as "National Hunting and Fishing Day"; and
- 15 be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
- 17 Pennsylvanians to participate in the activities associated with
- 18 "National Hunting and Fishing Day."