THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 30, 2008

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating August 2008 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in this Commonwealth.
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry generates more
- 4 than \$141 million in revenues to the economy of this
- 5 Commonwealth; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Three thousand five hundred farm families manage
- 7 about 48,000 acres, which produce more than 200,000 tons of
- 8 vegetables for fresh and processing use; and
- 9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's vegetable growers are national
- 10 leaders in the production of pumpkins, cantaloupes, fresh market
- 11 sweet corn, fresh market tomatoes and the processing of sweet
- 12 corn and snap beans; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania vegetables are not only "Simply
- 14 Delicious" but also "Simply Nutritious" in providing important

- 1 vitamins, fiber and other dietary components that are essential
- 2 to a healthy, balanced diet; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Health authorities have long encouraged increased
- 4 consumption of vegetables for both nutritional and disease
- 5 prevention purposes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Fresh Pennsylvania vegetables are available in
- 7 abundant supply and peak quality at community farmers' markets,
- 8 roadside farm markets and supermarkets throughout this
- 9 Commonwealth during the month of August; and
- 10 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's vegetable industry is committed
- 11 to using integrated pest management and other good agricultural
- 12 practices to produce, in an environmentally sound manner,
- 13 vegetables and vegetable products that are both nutritious and
- 14 safe; therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
- 16 2008 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month"; and be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all citizens
- 18 to enjoy this Commonwealth's abundant supply of "Simply
- 19 Delicious" and "Simply Nutritious" fresh and processed vegetable
- 20 products while recognizing the industry's contributions to our
- 21 economy and our health.