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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
18, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming October 24, 2011, as "Canada Day in Pennsylvania."

2 WHEREAS, Canada is Pennsylvania's primary export market, with
3 \$16.8 billion worth of merchandise goods exchanged and 32% of
4 Pennsylvania's worldwide exports sold to Canada in 2009 with
5 330,600 Pennsylvania jobs supported by Canada-Pennsylvania
6 trade; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Canada share several important
8 international trade corridors, including the Capitol Corridor
9 from Ottawa to Washington and Continental One Corridor running
10 from Toronto to Miami, benefiting both commerce and consumers;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania-Canada partnership boasts a healthy
13 bilateral tourism industry with more than 1.2 million combined
14 visits accounting for more than \$340 million in expenditures in
15 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, There was a healthy and balanced trade in
17 agriculture and food products between Canada and the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of more than \$1.7 billion in 2009;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Canada are partners in the
4 stewardship of the Great Lakes, the largest body of fresh water
5 in the world; sustaining life, providing recreation and
6 supporting local and regional economies, the Great Lakes are a
7 true natural legacy to the people of Pennsylvania and its
8 neighbors in Canada; and

9 WHEREAS, Millions of Pennsylvanians depend on Canada and its
10 vast energy reserves to fuel our Commonwealth, importing over \$2
11 billion worth of energy from Canada last year, including natural
12 gas, petroleum and electricity; and

13 WHEREAS, Academic institutions in both Canada and
14 Pennsylvania are actively engaged in a number of linkages and
15 partnerships ranging across engineering, medicine, law and the
16 arts; and

17 WHEREAS, Both Canada and Pennsylvania are actively engaged in
18 a number of partnerships in various fields of innovative
19 technology which are laying the foundations for our economic
20 future and mutual benefit; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Flagship Niagara stands daily
22 witness to the Battle of Lake Erie, one of the historic battles
23 which made the Great Lakes region the greatest theater of
24 conflict during the War of 1812, a war which forged the destiny
25 of our continent and where its greatest legacy is 200 years of
26 peace; and

27 WHEREAS, Canada and Pennsylvania share many deep economic,
28 historical, cultural and familial ties; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, In recognition of the strong and lasting ties
30 between Canada and the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that

1 October 24, 2011, be proclaimed "Canada Day in Pennsylvania."