
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 704 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY HANNA, BENNINGHOFF AND CONKLIN, MAY 1, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 1,
2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 25, 2012, as "Joseph 'Joe' R. Hartle, Jr.,
2 Day" at the Centre County Grange Fair.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wish to express
4 sincere condolences to the family and friends of Joseph R.
5 Hartle, Jr., who passed away at 78 years of age on March 1,
6 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Born May 21, 1933, in Benner Township, Mr. Hartle
8 was married to his wife, Gladys Waite Hartle, for 56 years and
9 together they raised five children and enjoyed 11 grandchildren;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was a 1950 graduate of Bellefonte Area
12 High School and a lifetime dairy farmer in Benner Township; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was an active member of Logan Grange for
14 more than 60 years and served on the Centre County Grange Fair
15 Committee for 61 years, 25 of those years as its president; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was named the Pennsylvania State Granger
17 of the Year in 1973 and was awarded Pennsylvania Master Farmer
18 in 1979; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle served 35 years as a volunteer leader for
2 the Centre County 4-H Dairy Club and was a charter member of the
3 Centre County Agricultural Forum; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was active in the Centre County Ag
5 Extension; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle operated a dairy farm, and the farm is
7 still in operation today; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was a role model and mentor for many
9 people; and

10 WHEREAS, It was approximately 60 years ago when Leland Bull,
11 who later served as Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture,
12 suggested to 17-year-old Joe Hartle that young people involved
13 in agriculture should be represented on the board of the Grange
14 Fair; and

15 WHEREAS, The Centre County Grange Fair began 136 years ago
16 and, since then, it has grown into a real family tradition with
17 some campers going back generation after generation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was the guiding force of the Grange Fair,
19 one of Centre County's oldest and greatest traditions; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle's strong leadership has led the board
21 through several expansions of the fairgrounds and fair itself;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The latest and greatest achievement is the
24 construction of the new indoor equine arena on the grounds,
25 which was officially opened in August 2011; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle's friendly demeanor and "get it done"
27 attitude have made him a great representative of the Centre
28 County Grange Fair; and

29 WHEREAS, We will always remember people shouting out, "Hi
30 Joe," and "Good fair, Joe"; and

1 WHEREAS, Not only was Mr. Hartle an active farmer, but he was
2 active in his church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church,
3 where he served as a member of the Pastoral Council and also 25
4 years as an usher and greeter; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle was a 50-year member of The Knights of
6 Columbus and served as a Director of the United Federal Savings
7 Bank for 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartle will be remembered for his resilience and
9 will be greatly missed, but his legacy will be forever
10 remembered; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
12 25, 2012, as "Joseph 'Joe' R. Hartle, Jr., Day" at the Centre
13 County Grange Fair; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 his wife, Gladys Waite Hartle, and the Centre County Grange
16 Fair, PO Box 271, Centre Hall, PA 16828.