
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 790 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY ROSS, LAWRENCE, SONNEY, AUMENT, CUTLER, DAVIS,
DIGIROLAMO, GABLER, GEORGE, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HELM,
HENNESSEY, HESS, KORTZ, MAHER, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MILLARD,
PAYTON, PYLE, READSHAW, ROCK, SCAVELLO, STABACK, STERN,
SWANGER, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND SANTONI, JUNE 25, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
25, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 27th annual Kennett Square Mushroom Festival
2 taking place on September 8 and 9, 2012, and the tremendous
3 positive impact of the mushroom on the economy of this
4 Commonwealth, and encouraging the citizens of Pennsylvania to
5 consume locally grown and harvested mushrooms.

6 WHEREAS, The mushroom is the number one agricultural cash
7 crop of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, A wide variety of mushrooms are grown in
9 Pennsylvania, including buttons, criminis, portabellas,
10 shiitakes and oysters; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania accounts for 65% of all mushroom
12 production in the United States, and recent research has
13 permitted the development of growing techniques for exotic
14 mushrooms with increased yields and market values; and

15 WHEREAS, Mushrooms were first cultivated in the United States
16 in the 1890s by florists in Kennett Square, and, since that
17 time, Pennsylvania mushroom farmers have developed many

1 remarkable innovations that now permit the year-round growing
2 and harvesting of mushrooms; and

3 WHEREAS, Kennett Square is known as the "Mushroom Capital of
4 the World," and 47% of all mushrooms grown in the nation come
5 from southern Chester County; and

6 WHEREAS, In its 27th year, the Kennett Square Mushroom
7 Festival has grown into a nationally recognized event, annually
8 drawing more than 100,000 visitors to the region and creating a
9 significant economic impact on a variety of local businesses;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This year's festival will be held on September 8 and
12 9, and will feature celebrity chefs, mushroom-growing
13 demonstrations, a parade and a street fair; and

14 WHEREAS, The festival benefits numerous local charities with
15 more than \$500,000 of festival proceeds being distributed to
16 support innumerable worthy causes; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 27th annual Kennett Square Mushroom Festival taking place on
19 September 8 and 9, 2012, and the tremendous positive impact of
20 the mushroom on the economy of this Commonwealth, and encourage
21 the citizens of Pennsylvania to consume locally grown and
22 harvested mushrooms; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the
24 American Mushroom Institute, 1284 Gap Newport Pike, Suite 2,
25 Avondale, PA 19311 and to Ms. Martha Seifert, Klein Elementary
26 School, 5325 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511.