THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 49 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, KITCHEN, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, ORIE, SCARNATI, ROBBINS, YAW, FERLO, EARLL, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, MENSCH, BAKER, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, BLAKE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, COSTA, WARD, FOLMER, PILEGGI, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, GREENLEAF, WAUGH AND BROWNE, MARCH 2, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 2	Recognizing March 24, 2011, as "National Teach Ag Day" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Two hundred twenty-five agricultural educators teach
4	in nearly 175 public middle schools, high schools and post-
5	secondary programs in Pennsylvania; and
6	WHEREAS, Approximately 1 million students receive
7	agricultural education in United States public schools; and
8	WHEREAS, Approximately 8,000 of these students are members of
9	the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, There is a nationwide teacher shortage in
12	agricultural education and many agricultural education programs
13	suffer from the lack of qualified teachers; and
14	WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural
15	Educators, on behalf of the National Council for Agricultural
16	Education is organizing "National Teach Ag Day" on March 24,

2011, as one component of the National Teach Ag Campaign; and
WHEREAS, The goal of "National Teach Ag Day" is to have every
agricultural educator in America teach a lesson to encourage
their students to consider a career in agricultural education;
and

6 WHEREAS, Agricultural educators contribute to a strong and 7 effective education in public schools; and

8 WHEREAS, A student's growth and future are positively 9 impacted by the dedication and quality teaching of agricultural 10 educators; and

11 WHEREAS, March 24, 2011, is being observed across the United 12 States as "National Teach Ag Day"; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize March 24, 2011, as

14 "National Teach Ag Day" in Pennsylvania.