
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 779 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MENTZER, KIRKLAND, HENNESSEY, DIGIROLAMO,
MIRABITO, COHEN, NEILSON, GREINER, VEREB, PICKETT, HARHART,
LUCAS, AUMENT, CALTAGIRONE, MCNEILL, MILLARD, YOUNGBLOOD,
READSHAW, HEFFLEY, STERN, PAINTER, CUTLER, ROSS, SIMMONS,
MARSICO, MAJOR, GABLER, FLECK, CLYMER, GINGRICH AND
DENLINGER, APRIL 9, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 9, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 26, 2014, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is known as the Snack Food Capital of
3 the World, with snack food and confectionery companies, large
4 and small, generating more than \$5.1 billion in sales annually;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The production of pretzels represents a large
7 portion of these sales, and it is estimated that this
8 Commonwealth's pretzel bakeries provide about 80% of America's
9 supply of this delicious, twisty treat; and

10 WHEREAS, According to various sources, pretzels were created
11 by monks in the 7th century A.D. by forming scraps of dough to
12 represent a child's arms folded in prayer; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 years later the tradition of
14 pretzel-baking was brought to Pennsylvania by German-speaking

1 immigrants; and

2 WHEREAS, America's first commercial pretzel bakery was
3 founded in 1861 in Lititz, Lancaster County, when Julius Sturgis ◀
4 started selling pretzels with a recipe and methods that are used
5 by his descendants today; and

6 WHEREAS, National Pretzel Day was initially declared in 1983
7 by United States Representative Robert S. Walker of Lancaster
8 County, Pennsylvania, who proclaimed that his favorite food
9 deserved a holiday; and

10 WHEREAS, Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell redeclared
11 the holiday in 2003 to acknowledge the importance of the pretzel
12 to this Commonwealth's history and economy; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
14 26, 2014, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.