
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHLEGEL CULVER, MAHONEY, GIBBONS, CONKLIN AND PAINTER,
MAY 7, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the national Cooperative
2 Extension System in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, marks the 100th anniversary of the
4 signing of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which officially created
5 Federal funding for the national Cooperative Extension System;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Smith-Lever Act created a partnership between
8 the United States Department of Agriculture and the nation's
9 land-grant universities that extended outreach programs to rural
10 Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Extension System provides
12 individuals living in rural communities with access to
13 educational programs, information on advances in agricultural
14 practices and the latest technologies; and

15 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Extension System has been credited

1 with increasing the United States' agricultural productivity
2 since the 20th century; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Extension System continues to serve
4 a vital role in agricultural research, primarily through
5 agricultural experiment stations and academic classes provided
6 at 106 colleges and universities located throughout the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, Community-based programs offered through the
9 Cooperative Extension System serve individuals living in both
10 rural and urban communities through a state-by-state network
11 that provides educational and developmental services, such as
12 the nationwide youth 4-H program, food and nutrition programs
13 and disaster response education programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Millions of youth, adults, families, farmers,
15 ranchers, community leaders and others engage in Cooperative
16 Extension System learning opportunities designed to extend
17 knowledge and change lives; and

18 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Extension System provides a
19 practical approach to connecting educators with the public
20 through community-based and online resources, further enabling
21 people to make healthy life decisions while encouraging further
22 research and development of agricultural issues, ensuring that
23 the United States continues to produce a safe and abundant food
24 supply for future generations; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 100th anniversary of the national Cooperative Extension System
27 in this Commonwealth.