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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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MENSCH, ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, STACK, ARGALL, BAKER,  
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PILEGGI, JUNE 12, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2013 as "Dairy Farmers  
2 Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is the primary economic driver behind  
4 the number one industry in Pennsylvania, which is agriculture;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a proud family tradition in  
7 Pennsylvania, where 98% of dairy farms are owned by families and  
8 depend on family labor; and

9 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a demanding way of life that  
10 requires healthy workers with a strong work ethic in order to  
11 produce the high-quality milk and other wholesome nutritional  
12 products enjoyed by Pennsylvania's families and the citizens of  
13 other states; and

14 WHEREAS, There are more than 7,400 dairy businesses in  
15 Pennsylvania, both large and small, and 541,000 cows, which  
16 produce nearly 11 billion pounds of milk each year; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania dairy industry and related  
2 businesses contribute more than \$5 billion annually to the  
3 State's economy, supporting approximately 40,000 quality,  
4 family-sustaining, stable jobs for individuals in rural  
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania dairy farms produce milk locally and  
7 export it to cities and other states along the east coast of the  
8 United States and this revenue is then reinvested in the local  
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy farms serve as the ideal model  
11 for sustainable rural economic development, providing  
12 stimulation to both State and local economies; and

13 WHEREAS, Studies show that dairy foods, when consumed as part  
14 of a healthy diet, improve overall diet quality and may help to  
15 reduce the risk of certain diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, Generations of Pennsylvania farmers have been  
17 dedicated to the preservation of the environment, helping to  
18 maintain the high quality of this Commonwealth's natural  
19 resources; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's many picturesque dairy farms have  
21 been a mainstay in the renowned beauty of the rural Pennsylvania  
22 landscape for centuries; therefore be it

23 Resolved, That the Senate designate the month of June 2013 as  
24 "Dairy Farmers Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize  
25 the outstanding contributions of Pennsylvania's dairy farmers to  
26 the historical, cultural, environmental and economic success of  
27 this Commonwealth.