
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 613 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY M. K. KELLER, CAUSER, CARROLL, COHEN, BISHOP, MALONEY, BAKER, TOOHL, DONATUCCI, HEFFLEY, HARHART, YOUNGBLOOD, QUIGLEY, V. BROWN, STAATS, TOEPEL, ROTHMAN, REGAN, P. DALEY, IRVIN, PICKETT, TOBASH, HENNESSEY, MACKENZIE, MUSTIO, VEREB, ROZZI, BOBACK, WARD, METZGAR, READSHAW, PAYNE, ZIMMERMAN, WHEELAND, KNOWLES, KIM, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, SONNEY, DUSH, SCHREIBER, PEIFER, KINSEY, BENNINGHOFF, MARSICO, BLOOM, WENTLING, W. KELLER, SCHLEGEL, CULVER, HICKERNELL, DRISCOLL, SAYLOR, CORBIN, KILLION, MARSHALL, SACCONI, RAPP, O'NEILL, JAMES, SANKEY, REESE, SANTORA, LONGIETTI, D. COSTA, GABLER, MAJOR, DIGIROLAMO, MAHONEY, B. MILLER, GREINER, CONKLIN, SAMUELSON, BARBIN, NEILSON, BULLOCK, FEE, CUTLER, HAHN, GIBBONS, SCHWEYER, MURT, A. HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, PETRI, D. MILLER, GINGRICH, HARHAI, KLUNK AND PHILLIPS-HILL, DECEMBER 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Farm
2 Show.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the proud host of the largest indoor
4 agricultural exposition in the nation, the Pennsylvania Farm
5 Show, home to nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits
6 and 300 commercial exhibits; and

7 WHEREAS, According to reports from the Hershey Harrisburg
8 Regional Visitors Bureau, the Pennsylvania Farm Show supports
9 more than 18,000 jobs and generates an estimated \$95 million in
10 revenue per year for the south-central Pennsylvania region
11 during the week-long event; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Farm Show has helped to educate the
2 next generation of farmers through organizational support,
3 classes and exhibits; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Farm Show was organized in 1916 by
5 the Secretary of Agriculture of the Commonwealth, Charles
6 Patton, in an effort to bring trade associations, businesses and
7 farmers together to share ideas and information on agriculture
8 and economic trends in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Until the 1930s, the Pennsylvania Farm Show was held
10 at various locations throughout Harrisburg in order to
11 effectively host the increase in attendees and exhibits; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1929, in order to create a centralized location
13 that could address the exponential growth of the Pennsylvania
14 Farm Show, the General Assembly appropriated \$1.34 million
15 towards the construction of the first Pennsylvania Farm Show
16 complex; and

17 WHEREAS, During the dedication of the first Pennsylvania Farm
18 Show complex, Governor Fisher described the event as "the
19 romance of Pennsylvania agriculture"; and

20 WHEREAS, A local newspaper at the time portrayed the
21 Pennsylvania Farm Show as "the annual meeting-place of the
22 farmer and city-dweller"; and

23 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the Pennsylvania Farm Show has held a
24 tradition of showcasing this Commonwealth's unmatched
25 agricultural and business achievements and innovations for the
26 residents of this Commonwealth and people from around the world;
27 therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
29 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.