
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 620 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY M. K. KELLER, CAUSER, CARROLL, CORBIN, JAMES, KINSEY, KIM, MALONEY, PEIFER, MURT, MILLARD, THOMAS, WHEELAND, RAPP, REGAN, COX, HICKERNELL, HAHN, MUSTIO, COHEN, KLUNK, ENGLISH, P. DALEY, BENNINGHOFF, ROZZI, SAMUELSON, CALTAGIRONE, TOOHIL, MACKENZIE, DAVIS, O'NEILL, ROTHMAN, LONGIETTI, HELM, HARHART, BURNS, DUSH, SONNEY, WARD, VEREB, DeLISSIO, WHITE, R. BROWN, DiGIROLAMO, PICKETT, BISHOP, QUIGLEY, D. COSTA, FEE, READSHAW, STAATS, DRISCOLL, EVERETT, YOUNGBLOOD, PAYNE, SAYLOR, KNOWLES, CUTLER, SAINATO, GIBBONS, WENTLING, BULLOCK, B. MILLER, KAUFFMAN, REESE, A. HARRIS, NEILSON, LEWIS, HARHAI AND W. KELLER, DECEMBER 14, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 14, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th year of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Farm Show has helped to educate the
12 next generation of farmers through organizational support,

1 classes and exhibits; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
27 100th year of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.