
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 235 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, V. BROWN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA,
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READSHAW, TALLMAN, TOOHIL, WATSON AND WHEELAND,
APRIL 12, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 26, 2017, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the center of American pretzel
3 production for both the hard, crispy and the soft, bread types
4 of pretzels; and

5 WHEREAS, Southeastern Pennsylvania, with its large population
6 of German Americans, is considered the birthplace of the
7 American pretzel industry and many pretzel bakers are still
8 located in this area today; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania produces approximately 80% of the
10 nation's pretzels; and

11 WHEREAS, The Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, located in
12 Lititz, Pennsylvania, became the first commercial hard pretzel
13 bakery in the United States in 1861; and

14 WHEREAS, The Anderson Pretzel Bakery opened in Lancaster,
15 Pennsylvania, in 1888 and calls itself the world's largest

1 pretzel factory, producing approximately 65 tons of hard
2 pretzels daily; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1935, the Reading Pretzel Machinery Company,
4 located in Reading, Pennsylvania, introduced the first automatic
5 pretzel twisting machine; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Pretzel Day" was initially declared in
7 1983 by United States Representative Robert S. Walker of
8 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
13 26, 2017, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.