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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 810 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, SCHLEGEL CULVER,  
DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, GROVE, HARKINS, HEFFLEY, HELM,  
HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, IRVIN, KINSEY, KNOWLES, MARSICO,  
McCLINTON, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, NEILSON,  
PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN, TOEPEL, TOOIL AND WARD,  
APRIL 6, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 6, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 26, 2018, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the center of American pretzel  
3 production for both the hard and 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, became the first commercial hard pretzel bakery in the  
13 United States in 1861; and

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

1 producing approximately 65 tons of hard pretzels daily; and

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

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
12 26, 2018, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania.