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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2021 as "Mushroom Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester  
4 County, now recognized as the "Mushroom Capital of the World";  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom  
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads  
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced more than 317 million  
11 pounds of mushrooms in the last growing season with an estimated  
12 value of \$481 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and  
14 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities  
16 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a  
17 consistent, high-quality crop; and

1       WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical  
2 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor  
3 production and safety; and

4       WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate  
5 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and  
6 humidity and harvest their crop, thanks to advancements in  
7 technology; and

8       WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry contributes  
9 greatly to the economies of Chester County and this Commonwealth  
10 while preserving this Commonwealth's agricultural traditions and  
11 customs; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
13 2021 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize Pennsylvania's thriving  
15 agriculture industry and encourage all residents to acknowledge  
16 and celebrate the achievements of the mushroom industry to  
17 produce an abundant, profitable mushroom crop recognized for  
18 superior quality and its significance to this Commonwealth's  
19 economy.