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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 1, 2019

A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of March 18 through 22, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania. 3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation was created in 1986 and pursues a mission to preserve and 4 promote agriculture; and 5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation 6 and its sponsoring organization, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, 7 are the originators of "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week"; and 8 9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's mission includes the following: 10 11 enlightening the public about farming and 12 agriculture; 13 creating educational programs for children in

elementary and middle schools who may have no other exposure

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to agriculture;

- 1 (3) training teachers on agricultural commodities and
- 2 concepts while helping them meet their own continuing
- 3 education requirements;
- 4 (4) funding scholarships for postsecondary agricultural
- 5 studies;
- 6 (5) promoting career opportunities in agriculture;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation
- 9 continues to grow and enhance its innovative programs, including
- 10 Educator's Ag Institute, Mobile Ag Education Science Lab
- 11 Program, Mobile Ag Education on the Go Program and Positively 4
- 12 Kids! magazine; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation
- 14 seeks to deliver these programs to schools and educators across
- 15 this Commonwealth; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Agriculture is the largest of this Commonwealth's
- 17 industries; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Agriculture generates employment and economic
- 19 activity on 59,000 farms within every county in this
- 20 Commonwealth, accounting for \$135.7 billion in annual economic
- 21 impact; therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 23 week of March 18 through 22, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy
- 24 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
- 26 originators of "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week," the Pennsylvania
- 27 Friends of Agriculture Foundation and its sponsoring
- 28 organization, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, for their
- 29 contribution to this Commonwealth's agricultural industry.