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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 21, 2025, as "Sun Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Solar and wind energy, and the batteries to store  
3 their power when the wind drops or the sun goes down, are the  
4 fastest growing sources of energy in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Renewable energy sources improve air quality in this  
6 Commonwealth, protect the health of residents in this  
7 Commonwealth, reduce the carbon footprint of this Commonwealth  
8 and combat climate change; and

9 WHEREAS, Renewable energy decreases dependence on fossil  
10 fuels and the negative impacts of greenhouse gas emissions,  
11 which creates positive lasting effects on the environment and  
12 human health; and

13 WHEREAS, Embracing renewable energy also promises economic  
14 benefits, as wind and solar are now the cheapest ways to produce  
15 power; and

16 WHEREAS, Jobs in this industry throughout this Commonwealth  
17 grew 1.5 times faster than the overall economy in this

1 Commonwealth in recent years, with continued growth expected;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Harnessing the power of renewable energy also grants  
4 the United States and Pennsylvania energy independence,  
5 providing stable, secure and clean energy to people free from  
6 the market volatility of imported energy sources; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania played a crucial role in shaping  
8 America's energy history as the home of the nation's first oil  
9 well; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania now has the opportunity to lead the  
11 country by embracing renewable energy, a technology with deep  
12 roots in American innovation; and

13 WHEREAS, America is the birthplace of solar energy, having  
14 seen the invention of the solar cell in 1954 at Bell Labs, and  
15 is the birthplace of utility-scale wind, with the 1940s wind  
16 turbine on Grandpa's Knob, Vermont; and

17 WHEREAS, Solar and wind are proving to be key components of a  
18 reliable grid, especially in times of high demand and other  
19 stress on utilities; and

20 WHEREAS, "Sun Day" is a day of action in celebration of the  
21 power of clean energy and is being recognized this year on  
22 September 21; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
24 September 21, 2025, as "Sun Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
27 residents of this Commonwealth to engage in actions on September  
28 21, 2025, designed to highlight the fact that solar and wind are  
29 no longer "alternative energy" sources but rather an obvious,  
30 common-sense choice for clean, renewable energy; and be it

1 further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage and  
3 speed the approval of residential solar and wind projects; and  
4 be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge PJM  
6 Interconnection to address the clogged interconnection queue  
7 that in many instances slows utility-scale projects.