THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DISANTO, LANGERHOLC, ARGALL, SCHWANK, AUMENT, COLLETT, COSTA, BROWN, PHILLIPS-HILL, CULVER, VOGEL AND DUSH, JUNE 20, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Hershey's Chocolate World and designating June 30, 2023, as "Hershey's Chocolate World 1 2 Day" in Pennsylvania. 3 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company is headquartered in Hershey and 4 is an industry-leading snacking company known for bringing 5 6 goodness to the world through its iconic brands, remarkable people and enduring commitment to helping children succeed; and 7 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company ranks first in United States 8 9 confection and second in United States snacking; and 10 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company's iconic sweet and salty snack brands, including Hershey's Kisses, Hershey's Milk Chocolate, 11 Reese's, Twizzlers, Kit Kat, SkinnyPop, Pirate's Booty and Dot's 12 13 Pretzels, generate more than \$10 billion in annual revenue; and 14 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company directly employs more than 6,500 15 Pennsylvanians throughout this Commonwealth, with familysustaining jobs in manufacturing and distribution and at the 16 17 Corporate Headquarters located in Hershey in Dauphin County,

Hazleton in Luzerne County and Lancaster in Lancaster County;

- 1 and
- 2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's agriculture industry is critical to
- 3 the production of Hershey's iconic milk chocolate products; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The month of June is Dairy Month, and The Hershey
- 5 Company is one of the last large-scale chocolate manufacturers
- 6 to utilize local, farm-fresh milk to produce its iconic milk
- 7 chocolate, sourcing fresh fluid milk from a 100-mile radius of
- 8 Hershey and using approximately 4% of the total fluid milk
- 9 produced in this Commonwealth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World was founded on June 30,
- 11 1973, to delight the public through the behind-the-scenes
- 12 celebration of making The Hershey Company's world famous
- 13 chocolate and confections; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World employs 600 people and is
- 15 the world's most visited factory experience; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World generates more than \$200
- 17 million in annual tourism revenue and economic development in
- 18 Dauphin County; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World attracts more than 3.2
- 20 million visitors to the Hershey and Central Pennsylvania region
- 21 each year and has hosted more than 117 million visitors; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World is home to the largest
- 23 Hershey's candy store in the world; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World continues to celebrate The
- 25 Hershey Company's commitment to quality products, food safety
- 26 and the manufacturing jobs that make "The Great American
- 27 Chocolate Bar"; therefore be it
- 28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 50th anniversary of
- 29 Hershey's Chocolate World and designate June 30, 2023, as
- 30 "Hershey's Chocolate World Day" in Pennsylvania.