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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 223 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, BAKER, CAUSER, FLECK, GABLER, HELM, HESS,  
MAJOR, MILLARD, RAPP, READSHAW, MILLER AND GINGRICH,  
APRIL 9, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
APRIL 9, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to support  
2 Congressman Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania's efforts to pass  
3 H.R. 979, known as the Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013,  
4 and urging each member of Congress from Pennsylvania to  
5 support his efforts.

6 WHEREAS, The Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013 proposes to  
7 include forest products in the definition of "biobased product,"  
8 as well as the USDA Biobased Markets Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Including forest products in the USDA Biobased  
10 Markets Program will provide the opportunity for forest products  
11 to receive increased consumer attention and Federal Government  
12 procurement preference; and

13 WHEREAS, Forestry is a vital industry in this Commonwealth;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The timber and forest products industry provides  
16 more than 100,000 jobs in Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, The industry produces more than \$5 billion worth of  
18 products annually; and

1       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hardwood products are exported around  
2 the globe and are famous for their beauty and quality; and

3       WHEREAS, Forestry material, a biobased product, can be  
4 utilized for recycling purposes; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to support  
7 Congressman Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania's efforts to add to  
8 the Farm Bill or his efforts to introduce new legislation known  
9 as the Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
11 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
12 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.