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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2024 as "Energy Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush first declared the month  
4 of October as "National Energy Awareness Month" in 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush encouraged the Federal Government and  
6 organizations to recognize the importance of responsibly  
7 managing the nation's energy resources; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States has taken great strides toward  
9 energy efficiency by developing and promoting energy-efficient  
10 products in homes; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of energy-efficient products has reduced  
12 consumer utility bills; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government and the Commonwealth have  
14 promoted energy efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information  
16 Administration (EIA), Pennsylvania:

17 (1) is the second-largest natural gas producer in the

1 United States;

2 (2) is the second-largest net supplier of total energy  
3 to other states;

4 (3) is the third-largest coal producing state;

5 (4) ranks third in electricity generation; and

6 (5) ranks second in electricity generation from nuclear  
7 power;

8 and

9 WHEREAS, The EIA reports that as of 2022, approximately 38%  
10 of Pennsylvania households used natural gas as their primary  
11 home heating fuel, 29% used electricity and 20% used fuel oil;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, According to the EIA, Pennsylvania's first  
14 commercial wind farm started generating electricity in 2000, and  
15 this Commonwealth currently has 26 operating wind farms with  
16 approximately 1,500 megawatts of capacity; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the Solar Energies Industries  
18 Association, Pennsylvania had approximately 150,900 homes  
19 powered by solar energy, there were approximately 4,200 solar  
20 jobs as of 2023 and approximately \$426 million were invested in  
21 2023 in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
23 month of October 2024 as "Energy Awareness Month" in  
24 Pennsylvania.