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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Mushroom Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester  
4 County, now recognized as the "mushroom capital of the world";  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom  
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads  
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced 584.1 million pounds  
11 of mushrooms in the 2014-2015 growing season with an estimated  
12 value of \$554.4 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Specifically, Pennsylvania's mushroom producers  
14 supplied 68% of the white, brown and specialty varieties grown  
15 in the United States in the 2014-2015 growing season; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and  
17 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

1       WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities  
2 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a  
3 consistent, high-quality crop; and

4       WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical  
5 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor  
6 production and safety; and

7       WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate  
8 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and  
9 humidity and harvest their crop thanks to advancements in  
10 technology; and

11       WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the  
12 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and  
13 traditions; and

14       WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry greatly  
15 contributes to the economies of Chester County and this  
16 Commonwealth; therefore be it

17       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
18 2016 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of  
19 Pennsylvania's thriving agriculture industry, and encourage all  
20 residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the  
21 mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable mushroom  
22 crop, recognized for superior quality and its significance to  
23 this Commonwealth's economy.