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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Recognizing and honoring National Mushroom Day and the contributions of Chester and Berks Counties to the national mushroom industry and to healthy diets.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOULAHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring National Mushroom Day and the contributions of Chester and Berks Counties to the national mushroom industry and to healthy diets.

Whereas June 1 is National Mushroom Day;

Whereas, since the cultivation of mushrooms began in France in 1651, the cultivation of mushrooms has been developed and advanced through the hard work of mushroom growers;

Whereas, in 1885, a successful florist in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, conceived the idea of growing mushrooms beneath his greenhouse benches, leading to the first dedicated mushroom growing operation in the area;

Whereas over 60 percent of United States mushrooms are now grown in Chester and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania;

Whereas the mushroom farms in Chester County include both large and small farms, including multigeneration family farms, demonstrating the region's support for small businesses and local producers;

Whereas the local mushroom growers meet and collaborate, leading to the innovation that distinguishes the region and its mushroom industry;

Whereas the mushroom growers and the farmworker community contribute substantially to the local economy, employing nearly 10,000 workers and bringing an estimated \$2,700,000,000 into Chester County;

Whereas the year-round production of mushrooms and the associated industries support continuous employment, stable farm operations, and sustained economic activity by providing reliable jobs and supporting agricultural supply chains;

Whereas mushroom production represents one of agriculture's most successful examples of a circular economy, utilizing agricultural byproducts that reduce inputs and environmental impacts and using innovative practices that protect local ecosystems;

Whereas mushrooms are celebrated by home cooks and chefs because of their versatility, affordability, savory umami flavor, and nutritional qualities;

Whereas mushrooms are a dietary staple due to their nutritional value; and

Whereas mushrooms are fat-free, cholesterol-free, low in calories, low in sodium, and an important part of a diet rich in whole foods: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the recognition of National Mush-
- 3 room Day;
- 4 (2) honors the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 for its unparalleled contributions to the national
- 6 mushroom industry; and
- 7 (3) recognizes the role mushrooms play in a
- 8 healthy diet that is rich in whole foods.