

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself and Mr. McCORMICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 Senate—

1           (1) supports the recognition of National Mush-  
2           room Day;

3           (2) honors the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4           for its unparalleled contributions to the national  
5           mushroom industry; and

6           (3) recognizes the role mushrooms play in a  
7           healthy diet that is rich in whole foods.