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# H. RES. 623

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## RESOLUTION

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

Whereas October 15 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 mushrooms are a dietary staple due to their nutritional value;

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; and

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: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the recognition of National Mushroom Day; and

3               (2) honors the region of Chester and Berks  
4       Counties, Pennsylvania, for its unparalleled contributions to the national mushroom industry.

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