

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 274

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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers for their efforts in promoting Pennsylvania's Christmas tree industry and enhancing the value of a special holiday for citizens of this Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, The live Christmas tree has been an integral part of American and Pennsylvanian culture and traditions since the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth, and particularly Indiana County, is a national leader in the growing of live Christmas trees; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more than 1,000 Christmas tree farms, according to the USDA Census of Agriculture, and thousands of other farms which grow Christmas trees in addition to other crops resulting in more than \$22 million in annual sales; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is also a leading East Coast resource for nursery ornamental conifer stock; and

WHEREAS, Live Christmas trees represent an environmentally sensitive alternative to petroleum-based artificial trees because live Christmas trees clean the air of pollutants, give off oxygen, clean our water and provide vital habitat for wildlife, including endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Live Christmas trees provide economic benefits to this Commonwealth by reducing the cost of storm water runoff and providing employment in input industries such as farm implements; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association has helped promote this Commonwealth's use of live trees through activities, such as arranging for the donation of the Capitol Christmas Tree in the rotunda and donating trees to Pennsylvania military men and women overseas; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the efforts of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers in promoting Pennsylvania's Christmas tree industry and enhancing the value of a special holiday for citizens of this Commonwealth.