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June 1, 2011

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative Joseph A. Petrarca

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of Resolution Designating August 2011 as

Pennsylvania Produce Month

In the near future I will be introducing a Resolution designating August 2011 as Pennsylvania Produce Month in recognition of the vegetable industry's contributions to the economy and health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's vegetable industry generates more than \$185 million in revenue for the Commonwealth. Our vegetable growers are national leaders in the production of many types of vegetables. Approximately 4,300 farm families manage about 55,000 acres which produce more than 330,000 tons of vegetables for fresh and processing use in this Commonwealth. The vegetable industry is committed to using good agricultural practices in an environmentally sound manner to produce vegetables that are both nutritious and safe.

I urge you to enjoy the Pennsylvania vegetables that are available in abundant supply and peak quality during the month of August.

Please contact Binnie at broig@pahouse.net if you wish to cosponsor this resolution.