

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



The House of Representatives

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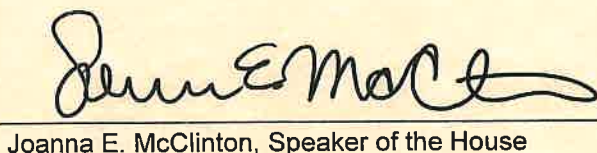
Whereas, *The Rushlyn Farm is being honored with a Century Farm Award by the Department of Agriculture; and*

Whereas, *Created to honor farms and farm families that have contributed to this Commonwealth's economic and rural heritage and traditions, the Century Farm Award recognizes families who have maintained the same farm for one hundred consecutive years or more. A family member must live on the farm on a permanent basis, and the farm must have at least ten acres of the original land parcel or must gross at least one thousand dollars annually from the sale of farm products. Purchased on April 2, 1925, by J. Paul Rush, the Rushlyn Farm originally consisted of fifty-two acres, with twenty-three acres situated in Bedminster Township and twenty-nine acres in Plumstead Township. Mr. Rush and his wife, Barbara Wismer Rush, raised dairy cattle, chickens, pigs and horses, and their farm boasted an orchard with more than thirty fruit trees. In 1954, their son, Wilmer, returned to the farm to take over its operation, and in 1957, he and his wife, Sallie, officially purchased the property. The couple expanded the milking herd and rented additional acreage to grow feed. In 1980, their son, J. Mark Rush, joined the operation, and in 1986, he sold the cows and used the land to raise crops. The acreage located in Plumstead Township was entered into a land preservation program in the 1990s, and in 1994, the acres in Bedminster Township were deeded to J. Mark Rush, who continues to live on the farm. After selling twelve acres, he now uses the remaining eleven acres to produce hay.*

Now therefore, *the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Rushlyn Farm upon its well-deserved recognition; offers best wishes for continued growth and success in the years to come;*

And directs *that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Shelby Labs on June 10, 2025, be transmitted to the Rushlyn Farm, 4209 Applebutter Road, Perkasio, Pennsylvania 18944.*


Shelby Labs, Sponsor


Joanna E. McClinton, Speaker of the House

Attest:


Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House