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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to fund development of the Steamtown  
2 National Historic Site in the amount of the original  
3 allocation and to reject attempts to limit Federal  
4 participation in, and the scope of, the project.

5 WHEREAS, Congress has designated Steamtown USA in Scranton,  
6 Pennsylvania, as a National Historic Site; and

7 WHEREAS, The Steamtown National Historic Site has been  
8 designated an official project of the National Park Service  
9 because it is the ideal location in which to depict the story of  
10 the role of railroading in the industrial development of this  
11 country; and

12 WHEREAS, Designation of the Steamtown USA property as a  
13 National Historic Site and as an official project of the  
14 National Park Service has led to the development of a Lackawanna  
15 Valley Heritage Park Plan, supported by the resources of the  
16 Federal, State, county and local governments, with the Steamtown  
17 National Historical Site as the kingpin; and

18 WHEREAS, Development of the Steamtown National Historic Site

1 has encouraged the current development of the adjacent  
2 Lackawanna Avenue Mall project, the largest commercial  
3 development project in the history of Scranton and the current  
4 largest commercial development project in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Development of the Steamtown National Historic Site  
6 has resulted in the continued economic and commercial  
7 development of the adjacent downtown section of the City of  
8 Scranton; and

9 WHEREAS, The Steamtown National Historic Site, still under  
10 construction, attracted 100,000 visitors last season and is  
11 expected to attract between 300,000 and 400,000 tourists  
12 annually; it represents the cornerstone of a major vacation and  
13 tourist industry initiative launched by private business and the  
14 County of Lackawanna; and

15 WHEREAS, The Steamtown National Historic Site is the keystone  
16 in the heritage park concept, standing alongside Scranton Iron  
17 Furnaces, the Museum of Anthracite Mining and the Pennsylvania  
18 Anthracite Heritage Museum; and

19 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of the engineering work for the  
20 Steamtown National Historic Site has been performed, and 60% of  
21 the total project has been completed; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to fund  
24 development of the Steamtown National Historic Site Project of  
25 the National Park Service in the amount of the original  
26 allocation, \$73 million, and to reject attempts to limit Federal  
27 participation in, and the scope of, the project; and be it  
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
30 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, to the

1 Honorable Bruce F. Vento, chairman of the National Parks and  
2 Public Lands Subcommittee of the Interior and Insular Affairs  
3 Committee and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.