
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 8, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Butler County and its Washington 1753 Commemoration
2 Committee for their hard work and efforts to call attention
3 to an important event in Pennsylvania history.

4 WHEREAS, In 1753 Major George Washington who was 21 years of
5 age left his home in Virginia and traveled hundreds of miles
6 through Indian-occupied wilderness to deliver a diplomatic
7 message to the French military encampment at Fort Le Boeuf,
8 south of Lake Erie, ordering the French to leave the Ohio River
9 Valley region; and

10 WHEREAS, The French refused to leave, causing Major
11 Washington to embark on a perilous return trip to take the news
12 to Virginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie in January 1754; and

13 WHEREAS, This incident was one of the final events leading up

1 to the French and Indian War, a pivotal conflict in the history
2 of the American colonies that helped shape the character of
3 George Washington and prepare him for the many challenges he
4 would face in the future as Commander of the Continental Army
5 and the first President of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The Washington 1753 Commemoration Committee was
7 established in 2000 by Butler County President Judge Martin J.
8 O'Brien and the Butler County commissioners to commemorate
9 Washington's historic mission; and

10 WHEREAS, The committee installed signs marking Washington's
11 route through Butler County and dedicated the trail in 2003, the
12 250th anniversary of Washington's mission; and

13 WHEREAS, The committee's further activities include plans to
14 produce brochures in cooperation with the county tourist
15 promotion agency and install interpretive markers at several key
16 portions of Washington's trail in Butler County; and

17 WHEREAS, The committee's work has set an example for other
18 counties along Washington's route to follow and install similar
19 signs in their counties; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Butler
21 County and its Washington 1753 Commemoration Committee for their
22 hard work and efforts to call attention to an important event in
23 Pennsylvania history.