

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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In the House of Representatives, October 1, 1975

1 WHEREAS, The historic events which have taken place in  
2 Southwestern Pennsylvania have had a profound effect on the  
3 destiny of the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, The father of our country, George Washington, had  
5 his first battle experience and demonstrated the great qualities  
6 he is remembered for at and around Fort Necessity in Wharton  
7 Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, The controversy as to whether the English or the  
9 French would develop our country was settled in favor of the  
10 English by the specific events and happenings involving General  
11 Washington and taking place at and around Fort Necessity; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Interior and its  
13 National park service have documented the history, restored the  
14 fort, and landscaped the grounds establishing a monument to our  
15 forefathers which attracts 250,000 to 300,000 visitors a year;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Fayette Festival Association, a non-profit  
18 corporation, designed to promote the historic, scenic and

1 cultural qualities of the area, and with a thirty-year record of  
2 successfully doing so, is now developing an outdoor historic  
3 drama scheduled for presentation five nights a week for four  
4 weeks beginning July 2, 1976. The presentations are to be made  
5 in an amphitheater adjacent to The Fort Necessity Grounds, the  
6 building of which has been assured by the efforts of the Fayette  
7 Festival Association and the cooperative support the association  
8 has received; and

9 WHEREAS, The script for the drama "To Forge A Nation" has  
10 been approved or endorsed by several erstwhile severe critics;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, "To Forge A Nation" has received official  
13 recognition by the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, The authenticity of the material, its momentous  
15 significance in the history of our country, the professional  
16 casting, staging and production, and it's singular uniqueness  
17 make "To Forge A Nation" worthy of being designated as the  
18 official drama of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for our  
19 nation's bicentennial; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
21 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby designate the  
22 historic outdoor drama "To Forge A Nation" as the official drama  
23 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for our nation's  
24 bicentennial.