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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY ARMSTRONG, JAMES, READSHAW, HALUSKA, BAKER, BEBKO-JONES, CALTAGIRONE, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, DeLUCA, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FORCIER, GEIST, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LEH, LYNCH, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MASLAND, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, NAILOR, ORIE, PESCI, PIPPY, ROBERTS, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCHULER, SEYFERT, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, STURLA, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TRUE, TULLI, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 10, 1999

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 10, 1999

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 1, 1999, as "Maytown's Simon Cameron Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Simon Cameron, Maytown's most famous native son, was  
4 born on March 8, 1799; and

5 WHEREAS, This extraordinary man achieved the status or  
6 position of newspaper magnate, railroad tycoon, canal builder,  
7 Pennsylvania Adjutant General, United States Senator, Republican  
8 political leader, Secretary of War under President Lincoln and  
9 United States Ambassador to Russia; and

10 WHEREAS, Cameron observed that "poverty was my advantage" and  
11 the desire to escape from poverty propelled him to great heights  
12 in business, politics and government service; and

13 WHEREAS, Among his last words was the hope that "people say  
14 that I did the best that I could and was never untrue to a

1 friend"; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite his worldliness, Cameron was especially fond  
3 of the Donegal area and his birthplace, Maytown; and

4 WHEREAS, Cameron provided Maytown with a beautified town  
5 square and parsonages for the Lutheran and Reformed churches and  
6 subsidized the cost of memorable community picnics and other  
7 social events; and

8 WHEREAS, Maytown is planning to commemorate the 200th  
9 anniversary of Cameron's birth on May 1, 1999, during its annual  
10 civic festival the "Mayfest"; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 1,  
12 1999, as "Maytown's Simon Cameron Day" in Pennsylvania in honor  
13 of Maytown's most famous native son.