

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 544 Session of
2000

INTRODUCED BY YEWCIC, SOLOBAY, SHANER, STEELMAN, PESCI, SURRA
AND HALUSKA, JUNE 13, 2000

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 13, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the significant contributions to the history and
2 economic growth of this Commonwealth that have been made by
3 coal miners and observing Saturday, June 17, 2000, as "Coal
4 Miners' Memorial Day."

5 WHEREAS, Coal mining not only has a major place in the
6 history of this Commonwealth but also has contributed greatly to
7 its economic growth; and

8 WHEREAS, There are countless stories of sacrifice, loyalty
9 and hard work demonstrated throughout the 19th and 20th
10 centuries by the legendary coal miners who spent long, dark
11 hours in the mines and the families who awaited their daily
12 return from work; and

13 WHEREAS, There was nothing more dreaded in a coal mining town
14 than the sound of the chaos of a mine cave-in, and nothing more
15 poignant than the sobs of the wives and children whose loved
16 ones were trapped below; and

17 WHEREAS, The Eureka Coal Heritage Foundation is an
18 organization which endeavors to preserve the legends and history

1 of the coal mining industry in this Commonwealth, and for the
2 past several years it has been engaged in the building of the
3 Miners' Memorial Wall in Windber, where the Berwind Mining
4 Corporation was headquartered; and

5 WHEREAS, This wall is to be dedicated in Windber on Saturday,
6 June 17, 2000, a day which the foundation has set aside as "Coal
7 Miners' Memorial Day"; and

8 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the citizens of this Commonwealth
9 recognize the significant contributions to the history and
10 economic growth of this Commonwealth that have been made by coal
11 miners and observe Saturday, June 17, 2000, as "Coal Miners'
12 Memorial Day"; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 significant contributions to the history and economic growth of
15 this Commonwealth that have been made by coal miners and observe
16 Saturday, June 17, 2000, as "Coal Miners' Memorial Day."