

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 16, 2004

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Tioga County on its 200th anniversary.

2 WHEREAS, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, was established by act  
3 of the General Assembly on March 26, 1804; and

4 WHEREAS, Tioga County was originally populated by Yankee  
5 settlers who claimed ownership rights from the State of  
6 Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, The Decree of Trenton in 1782 awarded the territory  
8 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and three years later the  
9 Commonwealth commenced the sale of lands acquired under the  
10 treaty; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1784 Tioga County was ceded by the Native  
2 Americans under the Treaty of Fort Stanwix; and

3 WHEREAS, During the 1790s and early 1800s the first roads  
4 were constructed through Tioga County for transportation and  
5 trade, and they served as the main arteries between central  
6 Pennsylvania and the State of New York; and

7 WHEREAS, The formation of the roads led to the discovery of  
8 coal near Blossburg and opened the area to further settlement;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Wellsboro, incorporated as a town in 1806, became  
11 the county seat and was the first town to be incorporated as a  
12 borough in the county in 1830; and

13 WHEREAS, The main industry in Tioga County from its beginning  
14 was agriculture, followed by the lumber industry during the 19th  
15 century; and

16 WHEREAS, Coal mining was a principal industry, and the  
17 discovery of gas in 1930 provided another major industry for the  
18 county; and

19 WHEREAS, The population of Tioga County reached its peak  
20 about 1890 at 54,000 but declined with the depletion of lumber  
21 and coal until 1930 when the population began to increase once  
22 again; and

23 WHEREAS, Tioga County is renowned for its natural resources,  
24 including a steep gorge which extends for 50 miles and which is  
25 nearly 1,000 feet deep in places, known as the Grand Canyon of  
26 Pennsylvania; and

27 WHEREAS, Some of the best deer and turkey hunting in this  
28 Commonwealth occurs in Tioga County; and

29 WHEREAS, During 2004 Tioga County celebrates the bicentennial  
30 of its founding; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Tioga  
2 County on its 200th anniversary.