
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 211 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, PICKETT, CAUSER, ARGALL, BALDWIN, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, M. KELLER, W. KELLER, KIRKLAND, LEDERER, MAJOR, MARSICO, MCGILL, MCILHATTAN, MELIO, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZUG, MARCH 30, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 30, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 13th annual Blossburg Coal Festival from May 25
2 through 28, 2005, at Island Park in Blossburg, Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Coal was first discovered in the Blossburg area in
4 1792, and it was of sufficient quality and quantity that it
5 became a marketable resource throughout Pennsylvania and New
6 York and became the preferred coal of blacksmiths in western
7 mining camps; and

8 WHEREAS, The mining of coal was labor intensive and brought
9 many immigrants to America to towns such as Blossburg, Arnot,
10 Morris Run, Landrus and Fall Brook; and

11 WHEREAS, William B. Wilson, appointed the first Secretary of
12 Labor when the United States Department of Labor was formed in

1 1913, was a Scottish immigrant who moved to Arnot with his
2 family in 1870, built his life around the coal mining industry
3 and was a driving force in local and National union movements;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Blossburg Coal Festival is a celebration of the
6 early coal industry in Blossburg and surrounding areas and the
7 diversity of the people of the region; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 celebration of the 13th annual Blossburg Coal Festival from May
10 25 through 28, 2005, which commemorates the significant economic
11 history of coal mining in the Blossburg community.