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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 361 Session of  
2005

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, PICKETT, CAUSER, ARMSTRONG, BARRAR,  
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WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZUG, JUNE 22, 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 22, 2005

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Borough of Wellsboro, Tioga County, on its 175th  
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The area that was to become Wellsboro was opened to  
4 white settlers after the Treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1784 when the  
5 Seneca Indians ceded all of Tioga County to the Pennsylvania  
6 government; and

7 WHEREAS, Three years after the end of the American  
8 Revolution, Thomas Tucker first set foot on the soil of  
9 Wellsboro; and

10 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1786, Tucker, Deputy Surveyor  
11 General of Pennsylvania, and his surveying party surveyed these  
12 lands as well as Lawrence, Tioga and Middlebury Townships under

1 a Land Warrant issued to James Stuart, a land speculator, in May  
2 1785; and

3 WHEREAS, Stuart and other speculators from Philadelphia  
4 together owned about 65,000 acres in northern Lycoming County  
5 and Tioga County; and

6 WHEREAS, When taxes became a burden, these landowners  
7 conveyed to trustees who were tasked with selling the land; and

8 WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Morris bought all of Tioga County land  
9 on April 7, 1802, and built the first log cabin on the knoll  
10 overlooking Wellsboro, at the end of what is now Morris Lane;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The name "Wellsborough," tradition says, honored  
13 Mary Wells Morris, the wife of Benjamin Morris, whose brother  
14 William Hill Wells was then one of the most prominent men in the  
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, The Borough of Wellsboro was incorporated on March  
17 16, 1830; and

18 WHEREAS, Wellsboro was divided into wards on April 7, 1885;  
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Borough  
21 of Wellsboro on its 175th anniversary.