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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring November 4, 2000, as "Ida Tarbell Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Ida Minerva Tarbell was born on November 5, 1857, in  
4 a log home on her maternal grandfather's farm located in  
5 northwest Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was raised in Titusville during the  
7 1860s when the oil industry was developing and flourishing; and

8 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was one of the first women to enter  
9 Allegheny College in the fall of 1876; and

10 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell authored 23 major books, including "The  
11 History of the Standard Oil Company" and nine books about  
12 Abraham Lincoln; and

13 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell was a historian and journalist in search  
14 of documented facts and not the advocate of a cause or a  
15 reformer; and

16 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell, arguably the premier journalist of her  
17 generation, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame

1 in Seneca Falls, New York, on October 7, 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell pioneered historical research and set  
3 standards which professionals today strive to emulate; and

4 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell died of pneumonia on January 6, 1944,  
5 and was buried at the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery in  
6 Titusville; and

7 WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell's passion for truth and knowledge is an  
8 enduring legacy for the citizens of this Commonwealth and  
9 deserves special recognition; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare November  
11 4, 2000, as "Ida Tarbell Day" in Pennsylvania.