
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 420 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY SHIMKUS, READSHAW, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRENNAN, DALEY,
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MOYER, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, RAMALEY, REICHLEY,
SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH,
THOMAS, WALKO AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 2, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 2, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of Welsh Americans in Lackawanna
2 County on the occasion of a performance by the Pontarddulais
3 Male Choir from Wales at Lackawanna College, Scranton, on
4 October 13, 2007.

5 WHEREAS, The 80-voice Pontarddulais Male Choir has attained
6 an unprecedented record of 14 Welsh National Championships; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more people of Welsh ancestry than
8 any other state; and

9 WHEREAS, Welsh Quakers, the earliest Welsh immigrants, began
10 seeking religious freedom in the Province of Pennsylvania around
11 1700; and

12 WHEREAS, Later Welsh settlements centered around the mills
13 and mines of Carbondale and Scranton; and

14 WHEREAS, Around 1850, Welsh immigrants in Carbondale began
15 holding literary and musical competitions, known as eisteddfods,
16 celebrating Welsh art forms and traditions; and

1 WHEREAS, Carbondale's eisteddfod observances are believed to
2 have been the first in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, At the 1882 Philadelphia bicentennial celebration,
4 five 300-voice choirs represented northeastern Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1928 the Scranton Anthracite Chorus earned first
6 place at the Royal National Eisteddfod; and

7 WHEREAS, Lackawanna County's Welsh Americans share a rich
8 musical heritage and a unique blend of ethnic and industrial
9 attitudes, customs and practices of Europe and the New World;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 contributions of Welsh Americans in Lackawanna County on the
13 occasion of a performance by the Pontarddulais Male Choir from
14 Wales at Lackawanna College, Scranton, on October 13, 2007.