

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Conewango Creek in northwestern Pennsylvania on
2 attaining status as Pennsylvania's 2015 River of the Year.

3 WHEREAS, One of five Commonwealth waterways nominated as the
4 2015 River of the Year, Conewango Creek received 42% of public
5 votes to earn recognition as the winning waterway; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Organization for Waterways and
7 Rivers in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and
8 Natural Resources selected the eligible waterways; and

9 WHEREAS, Finalists were determined based on conservation
10 needs and successes; and

11 WHEREAS, River otters, bald eagles, ospreys and herons are
12 common along Conewango Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny
13 River; and

14 WHEREAS, Conewango Creek supports 19 native species of
15 freshwater mussels and unique fish, including burbot and
16 paddlefish; and

17 WHEREAS, Conewango Creek is a designated Pennsylvania Water

1 Trail, having six launch areas along its length in this
2 Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, As part of the larger Allegheny and Ohio River
4 watersheds, the Conewango watershed contains approximately 780
5 miles of streams, 423 square miles of forest and 392 square
6 miles of farmland; and

7 WHEREAS, Sediment pollution and stream barriers, including
8 outdated dams, have been the greatest challenge to Conewango
9 Creek's biodiversity and water quality; and

10 WHEREAS, The Conewango Creek Watershed Association regularly
11 conducts stream cleanup, planting and restoration projects,
12 canoe launch rehabilitation projects and sets forth invasive
13 species action plans; and

14 WHEREAS, The Conewango Creek Watershed Association is
15 receiving a leadership grant for River of the Year projects
16 supporting creek-based activities to protect the waterway and
17 promote local and regional awareness of its valuable resources;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Warren County Conservation District, United
20 States Forest Service-Allegheny National Forest, Allegheny River
21 Cleanup Planning Committee, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
22 Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, West Pennsylvania
23 Conservancy, American Rivers, Penn Soil Resource Conservation &
24 Development Council and Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness are
25 joining in integrated River of the Year events; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Conewango
27 Creek in northwestern Pennsylvania on attaining status as
28 Pennsylvania's 2015 River of the Year; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the Conewango Creek Watershed Association, 210 North Drive,

1 Suite E, North Warren, PA 16365.

