

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 18, 2015, as "Jonas Oven Preservation and
2 Restoration Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Many early artifacts in this Commonwealth continue
4 to be lost due to natural events, neglect or destruction; and

5 WHEREAS, The Jonas oven was built around 1790 and is one of
6 the oldest manmade structures in Monroe County's West End; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Jonas oven was almost lost due to arson
8 at the Jonas Hotel, Jonas, Pennsylvania, and the proposed
9 destruction of the hotel by its owners; and

10 WHEREAS, The Polk Township Historical Society and the Jonas
11 Snyder family acted to avoid the Jonas oven's destruction and
12 worked with the owners to donate the Jonas oven to the
13 historical society; and

14 WHEREAS, The West End Fair Association agreed to provide a
15 site for the Jonas oven; and

16 WHEREAS, The Polk Township Historical Society restored the
17 oven and made it available to the public and organizations to

1 demonstrate how baking was done in the 18th and 19th centuries;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
4 18, 2015, as "Jonas Oven Preservation and Restoration Day" in
5 Pennsylvania and join its residents in their celebration of the
6 preservation and restoration of the Jonas oven for the education
7 and enjoyment of succeeding generations.