

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Tobyhanna Conservation
2 Association in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On May 15, 1966, 12 Tobyhanna sportsmen founded an
4 organization dedicated to the preservation of hunting and
5 fishing in the spirit of true sportsmanship through example; and

6 WHEREAS, The members believed that nature's bounty in
7 providing man with fish and game is not inexhaustible, and that
8 man, through sincere efforts, may aid in the propagation of fish
9 and game species and the improvement of their environment; and

10 WHEREAS, The association's charter states: "Conservation, a
11 state of harmony between man and the land, and the proper
12 harvesting of fish and game so as to retain nature's delicate
13 balance, shall be the purpose of this organization"; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, the organization has managed
15 numerous projects and activities and has partnered with other
16 organizations with common interests to further advance the
17 conservation and sportsman's ethic; and

1 WHEREAS, The association constructed and maintains a
2 children's and handicapped persons fishing area on the Tobyhanna
3 Creek on Main Street in Tobyhanna that provides easy access to
4 good fishing and is an asset to the community for all youngsters
5 and persons with disabilities to enjoy the great outdoors; and

6 WHEREAS, Through the organization's involvement with programs
7 at Monroe County Conservation Camp for the past 25 years, they
8 have facilitated the construction by children of more than 500
9 bluebird boxes that are now scattered about the forests and
10 fields of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The association has participated in PennDOT's Adopt-
12 A-Highway program for over 15 years, picking up trash on more
13 than seven miles of roadway several times a year in Coolbaugh
14 Township, Monroe County; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the association participate in the annual
16 Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest, providing an appreciation of
17 the importance of the historic natural ice industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of the association assist the Pennsylvania
19 Fish & Boat Commission with stocking trout in public streams
20 several times each year and maintain a section of the Tobyhanna
21 Creek as a "delayed harvest fishing area" in cooperation with
22 the commission; and

23 WHEREAS, The association is affiliated with the Monroe County
24 Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Pennsylvania Federation
25 of Sportsmen's Clubs to promote conservation at the regional and
26 State levels and to protect the future of Pennsylvania's great
27 outdoors; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
29 50th anniversary of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association and
30 proclaim its significance for the conservation of our precious

- 1 resources and the preservation of our hunting and fishing
- 2 heritage in this Commonwealth.