

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 175th anniversary of Carbon County.

2 WHEREAS, On March 13, 1843, Governor David Rittenhouse Porter
3 signed the historic act creating Carbon County from sections of
4 Northampton County and Monroe County; and

5 WHEREAS, Carbon County's name alludes to the deposits of
6 anthracite coal in the region; and

7 WHEREAS, The county seat was originally founded as Mauch
8 Chunk, a native American name meaning "bear mountain"; and

9 WHEREAS, Mauch Chunk was the company town of the Lehigh Coal
10 and Navigation Company; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mauch Chunk was renamed Jim Thorpe in honor
12 of the famous Native American athlete who is buried there; and

13 WHEREAS, Carbon County was home to the Switchback Railroad,
14 the country's first large-scale railway; and

15 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1827, the Switchback was first used to
16 carry coal and continued in operation through the 1930s as a
17 tourist attraction; and

1 WHEREAS, In Carbon County's first full year of operation, it
2 was home to 7,365 residents; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Carbon County has grown to a population of
4 more than 63,000; and

5 WHEREAS, Carbon County is experiencing an increase in
6 population and industry primarily related to the westward
7 movement of the East Coast metropolitan area and the growth of
8 the Pocono Mountain region; and

9 WHEREAS, Carbon County is composed of 23 municipalities, 5
10 school districts and a countywide technical school; and

11 WHEREAS, Carbon County is known for its scenic mountains,
12 rivers and rural landscape that attract thousands of visitors
13 each year; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
15 175th anniversary of Carbon County.