
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Jean Stoneback of Alburtis.

2 WHEREAS, Jean Stoneback died peacefully on September 2, 2010;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout her long life, Jean was an active member
5 and friend of her community of Alburtis, of which she was a
6 lifelong resident except for a brief period as a newlywed; and

7 WHEREAS, Due to her persuasion, Lehigh County purchased the
8 former Thomas Iron Works site in Alburtis and developed Lock
9 Ridge Park, which was dedicated in 1976; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a park tour guide, Jean
11 inaugurated the park's annual May Day celebration and provided
12 leadership for a variety of its seasonal festivals; and

13 WHEREAS, On Sunday, June 2, 2010, Jean Stoneback celebrated
14 her 90th birthday anniversary with many of her friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Jean became a well-known local columnist as a result
16 of her weekly column, "From my Kitchen Window," that appeared in
17 the *East Penn Press*; and

1 WHEREAS, Jean was also well-known for the many shows that she
2 staged at the Lock Ridge Church to showcase local talent; and

3 WHEREAS, She was a guiding force of the Alburtis Camp Fire
4 Chapter, which her mother founded; and

5 WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the Dad Daughter Association
6 obtained a parcel of land, donated by James Geissinger, upon
7 which a cabin meeting house was built, and it is still used
8 today for meetings and fundraisers; and

9 WHEREAS, Jean received many awards for her community service
10 and for her numerous publications, including the Community
11 Spirit Award and Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association
12 awards; and

13 WHEREAS, Jean Stoneback's life was likened by one of her many
14 lifelong friends to the lyrics of the Louis Armstrong song: "She
15 saw skies of blue and clouds of white; she saw bright pleasant
16 days and dark sacred nights, and she thought to herself, 'What a
17 Wonderful World!'" ; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of
19 Jean Stoneback.