
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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VULAKOVICH, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 7, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 7,
2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Tobyhanna Army Depot on the occasion of the
2 100th anniversary of its arrival.

3 WHEREAS, Tobyhanna Army Depot is celebrating the 100th
4 anniversary of the Army's arrival at Tobyhanna in 1912; and

5 WHEREAS, That year, the Army's 3rd Field Artillery trained on
6 property leased in the Tobyhanna area; and

7 WHEREAS, Because of the success of that training, the Army
8 began the purchase of land, eventually acquiring more than
9 20,000 acres, for a permanent camp of instruction of field
10 artillery units; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War I, some of the Army's first tanks
12 were tested there, and the site continued as an artillery
13 training camp in the 1920s; and

14 WHEREAS, The site served several purposes during World War

1 II: as a storage point for gliders used in airborne operations
2 such as the D-Day Invasion; as a prisoner of war camp housing
3 200 German POWs and as a site for an Army hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, The Army reacquired about 1,400 acres in 1951 to
5 build Tobyhanna Signal Depot, which officially opened on
6 February 1, 1953; and

7 WHEREAS, Since then, Tobyhanna has grown into a worldwide
8 enterprise and is the Defense Department's largest and most
9 comprehensive center for the sustainment of command, control,
10 communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and
11 reconnaissance systems; and

12 WHEREAS, Tobyhanna is northeastern Pennsylvania's largest
13 employer with about 5,500 personnel and has an annual economic
14 impact of \$4.4 billion in the region; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate all
16 of the personnel serving at the Tobyhanna Army Depot on the
17 occasion of its 100th anniversary of the Army's arrival at
18 Tobyhanna.