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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 149 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, JUNE 20, 2011

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 20, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Scott Township in Allegheny County on its 150th  
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Scott Township was founded June 29, 1861, when a  
4 division of Upper St. Clair Township was confirmed by decree of  
5 court; and

6 WHEREAS, Part of the Chartiers Valley, Scott Township has a  
7 land area of about 3.86 square miles, including hills and  
8 valleys that are a distinctive feature of the southwestern  
9 Pennsylvania landscape; and

10 WHEREAS, By 1870, the population of Scott Township consisted  
11 of just over 1,800 people, and today more than 17,000 residents  
12 call Scott Township home; and

13 WHEREAS, One of the earliest permanent settlers of the area  
14 was Major William Lea, who received a land grant from King  
15 George III as payment for his service in the French and Indian  
16 War; and

17 WHEREAS, Under Major Lea's will, a parcel of land was left  
18 for the use of a church, Old St. Luke's Church, established in

1 1790, which would become one of Scott Township's most famous  
2 landmarks; originally built as a stockade in 1765, it is the  
3 oldest Episcopal Church in southwestern Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, The old stone church still sits along Old Washington  
5 Pike and, thanks to the work of volunteers, has been restored to  
6 preserve its history; the cemetery beside the church is filled  
7 with British settlers and Revolutionary War veterans; and

8 WHEREAS, Bower Hill in Scott Township is where fighting broke  
9 out between Federal troops and local farmers during the Whiskey  
10 Rebellion of 1794 in protest of the excise tax on whiskey, and  
11 is where General John Neville's mansion was burned to the ground  
12 during the rebellion; to mark its significance, a State  
13 historical marker was erected at the site in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, During the 18th century, the opening of coal mines  
15 in the area stimulated its growth for years, as much of the  
16 population worked in the industry, and Scott Township also  
17 became a favorable residence for those engaging in business in  
18 the City of Pittsburgh; and

19 WHEREAS, Presently, Scott Township is home to many  
20 individuals dedicated to serving and protecting their community;  
21 the Scott Conservancy maintains Kane Woods, the largest area of  
22 green space in the township, and the Glendale Volunteer Fire  
23 Department has been serving the township for more than 125 years  
24 and providing fire service along with the East Carnegie  
25 Volunteer Fire Department and Bower Hill Volunteer Fire  
26 Department; and

27 WHEREAS, In 2011, Scott Township Public Library is  
28 celebrating its 10th anniversary, having opened in March 2001  
29 after many years of community planning and fundraising; and

30 WHEREAS, Scott Township provides visitors and residents with

1 many opportunities to explore nature and discover Pennsylvania  
2 history and has evolved into a great place to live and raise a  
3 family; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the Senate join with the citizens and local  
5 government officials in Scott Township, Allegheny County, in  
6 recognizing the 150th anniversary of its founding.