
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 764 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY KAVULICH, RYAN, PASHINSKI, MURT, STAATS,
HENNESSEY, R. BROWN, HILL-EVANS, CALTAGIRONE, KNOWLES,
BOBACK, READSHAW, TOOHIL, BURNS, NEILSON, BARBIN, DAVIS,
HICKERNELL, MILLARD, DIGIROLAMO, MULLERY, PICKETT, WATSON,
WARD, DRISCOLL AND SCHWEYER, MARCH 16, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Diocese of Scranton on commemorating 150
2 years of faith and service to Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Diocese of Scranton was originally a component
4 of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until it was formally
5 recognized as an independent diocese in 1868 by Pope Pius IX;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, St. Augustine's parish, founded in 1824 in
8 Susquehanna County, was the first church within the 11-county
9 diocese; and

10 WHEREAS, By the 20th century, the diocese had expanded to 239
11 parishes, half of which identified as national parishes
12 reflecting the language of the immigrant groups they served; and

13 WHEREAS, Currently, there are 120 parishes and 276,594
14 Catholics within the diocese; and

15 WHEREAS, The Diocese of Scranton impacted the history of
16 northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania by establishing

1 institutions of education, health care and industry; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the diocese, there are four Catholic
3 colleges and universities, four diocesan high schools, 16
4 elementary schools and two Catholic hospitals; and

5 WHEREAS, The Diocese of Scranton is commemorating its
6 formation 150 years ago with a yearlong celebration under the
7 theme, "The Journey Makes Us One"; and

8 WHEREAS, The diocese held a sesquicentennial mass on March 4,
9 2018, which was the anniversary of the founding of the diocese;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
12 Diocese of Scranton on commemorating 150 years of faith and
13 service in Pennsylvania.