
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 786 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, KNOWLES, TOOHL, READSHAW, RYAN, NEILSON,
SONNEY, DUSH, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MURT, DIGIROLAMO,
BOBACK, WARD, KINSEY, MILLARD, HAHN, SAMUELSON, HICKERNELL,
CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, HENNESSEY AND J. McNEILL, APRIL 3, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 3, 2018

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

1 tourist attraction; and

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

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

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

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
16 175th anniversary of Carbon County.