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HCONRES 402

Recognizing the historical significance of the discovery of oil and the birth of the petroleum and natural gas industries on the banks of Oil Creek, Venango County, near Titusville, Pennsylvania on August 27, 1859, and designating the year 2009 as the "Sesquicentennial of Oil".

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commemorations Introduced: Jul 31, 2008

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Sep 10, 2008) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/402

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2008)

Recognizes the significance of the discovery of oil in Pennsylvania in 1859 and requests the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the "Sesquicentennial of Oil" and the accomplishments of the petroleum and natural gas industries.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 10, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- Jul 31, 2008: Introduced in House
- Jul 31, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.