

HOUSE No. 2951

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 22, 1959.

The House committee on Rules, to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tancrati of Springfield) congratulating the oil industry on its one hundredth anniversary (House, No. 2951), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JOHN J. MOAKLEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING THE OIL INDUSTRY ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, A former Massachusetts resident, Colonel Edwin L. Drake of Springfield, completed drilling the first commercially successful oil well in the United States at Titusville, Pennsylvania, on August 27, 1859; and

Whereas, That historic event ushered in a new era of progress for both the Commonwealth and this Nation by supplying its peoples with an abundant source of energy; and

Whereas, The American oil industry has contributed to the health, prosperity and security of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, That industry has supported the principles of freedom, democracy and competitive enterprise, and other rights and privileges that are a part of the proud heritage of this Nation; and

Whereas, For one hundred years the men and women engaged in the production, manufacture and distribution of petroleum have continually strived to bring forth more and better products which have elevated the standard of living and enriched the economy; and

Whereas, The industry's Centennial motto, "Born in Freedom, Working for Progress" is an altogether fitting and worthy one; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the General Court of Massachusetts hereby congratulates the oil industry on its One Hundredth Anniversary for its contributions to the welfare of the Commonwealth during the past century and extends best wishes for continued prosperity.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 22, 1959.

Adopted.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE,
Clerk.