

SENATE RESOLUTION 38

(By Senators Maynard, Rose, and Hart)

[Introduced March 19, 2025]

1 Designating March 20, 2025, as Mingo County Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, Mingo County, West Virginia, was created in 1895, and is the youngest county in
3 the state; and

4 Whereas, The county's name comes from the Mingo people, an Iroquoian group of Native
5 Americans who migrated from New York; and

6 Whereas, Mingo County is best known for its rich history and role as a booming coal mining
7 community with commercial mining beginning in 1890. They are also well known for the West
8 Virginia Mine Wars (1912-1922), and the Battle of Matewan. An integral part of this county's
9 history is the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency that resulted in numerous deaths including the
10 mayor, helping to create a fascinating and interesting background; and

11 Whereas, Mingo County residents have once again endured a catastrophic event with the
12 flooding this past February 2025, ranking second to the flood that occurred in 1977; and

13 Whereas, Mingo County residents came together along with the emergency responders in
14 search and rescue in support of their community to help every resident and business, displaying
15 their resilience and fighting spirit; and

16 Whereas, Mingo County, through its challenges and spirited history, has developed a
17 thriving tourism industry with the Hatfield-McCoy Trail hosting annual events, and it has brought
18 about the King Coal Festival, preserved the Matewan Historic District as a National Historic
19 Landmark, and the Rockhouse-Devil Anse and Buffalo Mountain Trail Systems with over 100
20 miles of a variety of hiking paths at all levels; and

1 Whereas, In today's economic climate, Mingo County strives to maintain its economy and
2 is working to diversify their existing resources into a more productive future for their residents;
3 therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate:*

5 That the Senate hereby designates March 20, 2025, as Mingo County Day at the
6 Legislature; and, be it

7 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate hereby recognizes Mingo County and its rich history
8 and contributions to the state; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
10 the appropriate representative at the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce.