

SENATE RESOLUTION 59

(By Senator M. Maynard)

[Introduced March 5, 2026]

1 Designating March 6, 2026, as Mingo County Day at the Legislature.

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

4 Whereas, Mingo County's name originated from the Mingo Indians, an Iroquoian group of
5 Native 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. Mingo County is also known for the West
8 Virginia Mine Wars (1912-1922) and the Battle of Matewan (1920); and

9 Whereas, An integral part of this county's history is the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency
10 that resulted in numerous deaths, including the mayor, marking a turning point in the battle for
11 miners' rights, while also serving to create a fascinating and interesting testimony to the hardships
12 of the coal mining industry; and

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

18 Whereas, In today's economic climate, Mingo County strives to maintain its economy and
19 works diligently to diversify its existing resources into a more productive future for residents;
20 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate:*

2 That the Senate hereby designates March 6, 2026, as Mingo County Day at the
3 Legislature; and, be it

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

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