

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 16, 1985

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the County of Dauphin on its 200th Anniversary.

2 WHEREAS, Dauphin County is celebrating its 200th Anniversary
3 with special events and festivities planned throughout 1985; and

4 WHEREAS, In April of 1785, on petition of John Harris II,
5 founder of Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Assembly erected a new
6 county from the northern part of Lancaster County. The aid given
7 by France to the American Colonies during the Revolution created
8 an enthusiasm for naming the new county "Dauphin" in honor of
9 the eldest son of the King of France; and

10 WHEREAS, The original townships in the new County of Dauphin
11 were Derry, Londonderry, Paxton, West Hanover, East Hanover,
12 Middle Paxton, Lower Paxton, Lebanon, Bethel and Heidelberg; and

13 WHEREAS, The first Court House was built on ground donated by
14 John Harris for that purpose in 1790. It was used until 1860
15 when a new Court House was built on the same grounds. It
16 remained in use until 1943 when the present Court House at Front
17 and Market Streets in Harrisburg was built; and

1 WHEREAS, The largest municipality in the county is the City
2 of Harrisburg, founded in 1785 by John Harris II. The city,
3 which is located in the fifth largest metropolitan area in the
4 Commonwealth, is the county seat and the capital of the
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, On October 12, 1812, all government offices for the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were moved to Harrisburg, using in
8 part ground given to the Commonwealth by John Harris when he
9 plotted the town in 1785; and

10 WHEREAS, The first newspaper of the county was the Harrisburg
11 Journal and Advertiser, later called the Oracle of Dauphin,
12 which was first published in 1789; and

13 WHEREAS, The strategic location of the county, combined with
14 the existence of major railroads, airports and an extensive
15 network of Federal and State highways, has attracted
16 manufacturing and warehousing facilities which contribute to the
17 development of commercial and service activities throughout the
18 county; and

19 WHEREAS; The county and surrounding area has a number of
20 institutions of higher learning, including The Milton S. Hershey
21 Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University in Hershey,
22 the Harrisburg Area Community College, the Pennsylvania State
23 University Capitol Campus in Middletown, Dickinson College,
24 Dickinson School of Law, Messiah College and the University
25 Center at Harrisburg, which consists of extension programs
26 offered by a consortium of five institutions of higher learning,
27 including Temple University, the Pennsylvania State University,
28 the University of Pennsylvania, Lebanon Valley College and
29 Elizabethtown College; and

30 WHEREAS, Sports and recreation also play a major role in the

1 growth and activity of the county. The Hershey Park amusement
2 complex and the Penn National Race Course attract millions of
3 visitors to the county each year. Dauphin County is the home of
4 the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League and is the site
5 of the Lady Keystone Open Golf Tournament of the LPGA tour, as
6 well as other tournaments. Excellent fishing is available in the
7 many limestone trout streams of the county and the Susquehanna
8 River; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
10 citizens of Dauphin County on the momentous and joyous occasion
11 of the 200th Anniversary of its creation and the role it has
12 played as a vital, valuable and prestigious county; and express
13 its hope for many more years of growth; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 the Office of county Commissioners of Dauphin County, Dauphin
16 County Court House, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.