

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 638 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, D. COSTA, BEYER, BISHOP, BRENNAN,
CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO,
DONATUCCI, FLECK, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HELM, HENNESSEY, KORTZ,
MANN, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MIRABITO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE,
PARKER, READSHAW, SANTONI, SIPTROTH AND WHEATLEY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, in the
2 City of Aliquippa, Beaver County, on the occasion of the
3 centennial anniversary of its founding as the first African-
4 American church in the city.

5 WHEREAS, In 1910, the Reverend Joseph Only and his wife began
6 to hold church services in their home at Logstown, near the Ohio
7 River, along with their four daughters; and

8 WHEREAS, The church moved to the then Borough of Woodlawn in
9 1917, and five years later, land was purchased at 505 Washington
10 Street in the borough, which was consolidated with Aliquippa in
11 1928; and

12 WHEREAS, The basement of the church was constructed under the
13 leadership of the Reverend Harry H. Jones and later by the
14 Reverend Grant Roberts in 1943; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Roberts continued as pastor until 1983,
16 giving him the distinction of holding the longest tenure for a

1 pastor of the church; and

2 WHEREAS, The church is currently known as the Triedstone
3 Missionary Baptist Church, and in 2010, celebrates the
4 centennial anniversary of its founding; and

5 WHEREAS, Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church is the earliest
6 church to be founded in Aliquippa with an African-American
7 congregation; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
9 Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, in the City of Aliquippa,
10 Beaver County, on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of
11 its founding as the first African-American church in the city.