

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 224 Session of
2015

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APRIL 10, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Jenkintown Borough on its 140th anniversary.

2 WHEREAS, Jenkintown Borough, one of the oldest boroughs of
3 Montgomery County, is located just outside of Philadelphia along
4 State Route 611; and

5 WHEREAS, The community was named for William Jenkins, a
6 pioneer settler, and was founded in 1697 and incorporated into a
7 borough in 1874; and

8 WHEREAS, The borough is approximately .58 of a square mile
9 and is home to 4,500 residents; and

10 WHEREAS, Jenkintown is truly one of the most unique
11 communities in Montgomery County; and

12 WHEREAS, Jenkintown is a mostly residential community
13 separated into east and west by the business district that runs
14 along the State Route 611 corridor; and

1 WHEREAS, The residential district consists of a traditional
2 mix of detached single-family homes, duplexes and row homes and
3 at the center of this mix are two important institutions,
4 Jenkintown Elementary School and Jenkintown High School; and

5 WHEREAS, Jenkintown Borough is a pedestrian-oriented
6 community in which residents walk to stores, the post office and
7 church, their children walk to school, the playground and their
8 friends' houses, and patrons are able to easily walk the central
9 business district; and

10 WHEREAS, At the heart of its past is the Jenkintown Fire
11 Department, comprised of two fire companies founded more than
12 125 years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, The Jenkintown Fire Department is an all-volunteer
14 department consisting of the Pioneer Fire Company No. 1 and the
15 Independent Fire Company; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pioneer Fire Company was organized in 1884 and
17 the Independent Fire Company was organized in 1889; and

18 WHEREAS, The fire department has a total membership of
19 approximately 150, with 50 active firefighting crew members; and

20 WHEREAS, Notable people from Jenkintown include Jim Bidlack,
21 professor at the University of Central Oklahoma and founder of
22 The Genome Industry; Bradley Cooper, actor; Adam F. Goldberg,
23 producer of the television series "The Goldbergs," which is set
24 in Jenkintown; and Ezra Pound, poet and critic who was a major
25 figure in the early modernist movement; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Jenkintown
27 Borough on its 140th anniversary and extend its congratulations
28 and sincere appreciation to the borough; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 all the elected officials of Jenkintown.