
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 922 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE,
GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HERSHEY, JAMES, KENNEY, MAJOR, MANN,
MANTZ, MARSICO, MELIO, MUNDY, PALLONE, PAYNE, RAMALEY,
READSHAW, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH,
STABACK, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, BEYER,
ROCK, HARHART, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD AND MAHONEY,
OCTOBER 6, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 6, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Episcopal Church of Our
2 Saviour and honoring its commitment, dedication and service
3 to Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, In July 1855, 12 families in the Jenkintown area
5 established the parish; and

6 WHEREAS, The church was not yet constructed in 1855, so the
7 parish members met in available buildings and members' homes;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, On August 29, 1855, two members of the congregation,
10 William Henry and Marie Newbold, were involved in a railroad
11 accident in Burlington, New Jersey, and as a result of the
12 injuries sustained by Marie, the railroad company gave her
13 family \$10,000; and

14 WHEREAS, William Henry Newbold utilized the \$10,000 to
15 establish and erect a church in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, Because of the Newbolds' miraculous escape from the
2 railroad accident, the church was christened the "Church of Our
3 Saviour"; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1858, the church opened its doors for services;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the Episcopal Church of Our
7 Saviour was responsible for the founding of other Episcopal
8 churches in eastern Montgomery County, including All Hallows
9 Episcopal Church in Wyncote, as well as Saint Anne's Episcopal
10 Church in Abington; and

11 WHEREAS, During World War II, the church members served the
12 Abington, Jenkintown and Cheltenham communities by welcoming
13 hundreds of servicemen and servicewomen to a Stage Door Canteen;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The members of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour
16 continue to service these communities by hosting the Boy Scouts
17 of America, Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as
18 promoting awareness and supporting the less fortunate citizens
19 of the community; and

20 WHEREAS, During the past 150 years, the members of the
21 Episcopal Church of Our Saviour have preserved for the community
22 its historic building which was designed, in part, by Frank
23 Furness, one of Philadelphia's most distinguished architects;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
26 150th anniversary of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour and
27 honor its service to the community.