

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 385 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY REICHLEY, ADOLPH, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, D. COSTA, CRUZ, DALLY, DAY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KNOWLES, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD AND BRADFORD, JUNE 29, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 29, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Emmaus, Pennsylvania, on the occurrence of its 250th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, In the early 1730s, German immigrants began settling
4 onto lands acquired by William Penn; and

5 WHEREAS, By 1734, a Germanic log cabin was built in
6 Maguntsche as a temporary shelter for these settlers; and

7 WHEREAS, The Shelter House, "Zufluchtshause" in German,
8 remains a prominent historic site in Emmaus and is believed to
9 be the oldest continuously inhabited structure in the Lehigh
10 Valley; and

11 WHEREAS, The new village was laid out in 1759, and that same
12 year Andres Giering built the first house; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1761, Moravian Bishop August Gottlieb Spangenberg

1 named the settlement "Emmaus"; and

2 WHEREAS, The discovery of iron ore in the mid-1800s
3 significantly changed the area; and

4 WHEREAS, The east branch of the Philadelphia and Reading
5 Railroad made its appearance, and by April 20, 1859, the first
6 train was heard rolling through town; and

7 WHEREAS, On August 1 of that same year the Village of Emmaus
8 incorporated as the Borough of Emmaus and accordingly, in 2009,
9 celebrates 150 years as a borough as well as 250 years as a
10 town; and

11 WHEREAS, Industry continued to flourish as the first blast
12 furnace was "blown in" in 1869; and

13 WHEREAS, The heart of every community is its downtown and
14 Emmaus' is especially rich in character and history with the
15 Moravian Church on Main Street remaining a landmark in the
16 community; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Emmaus,
18 Pennsylvania on the occurrence of its 250th anniversary.