

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STABACK, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, BEYER,  
ROCK, HARHART, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD AND MAHONEY,  
OCTOBER 6, 2008

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

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## 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.