

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 823 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, GINGRICH, MILLARD,
BENNINGHOFF, BRADFORD, CLYMER, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, GABLER,
GEORGE, GILLEN, GRELL, GROVE, HAHN, HESS, HICKERNELL,
KNOWLES, MAHONEY, MAJOR, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROCK,
ROSS, SCAVELLO, STABACK AND SWANGER, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the acquisition of the Asa
2 Packer Mansion by Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Asa Packer Mansion was built in 1860 in the town
4 of Jim Thorpe; and

5 WHEREAS, The mansion was the home of Asa Packer, 1805-1879, a
6 prominent Pennsylvania industrialist, philanthropist and public
7 servant, who began his career making canal boats; and

8 WHEREAS, Asa Packer founded boatyards, construction and
9 mining companies, the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Lehigh
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, The Asa Packer Mansion has been preserved, complete
12 with original furnishings and is open to the public; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1985, the Asa Packer Mansion was designated a
14 National Historic Landmark; and

15 WHEREAS, Asa Packer was one of the wealthiest men of his time
16 in Pennsylvania and he contributed considerably to educational,

1 charitable and religious institutions; and

2 WHEREAS, Asa Packer passed away on May 17, 1879, at the age
3 of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1912, Mary Packer Cummings, Asa's daughter,
5 devised her family's home and all its contents to the Borough of
6 Mauch Chunk, now known as Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, where it
7 would remain as a memorial to her father and his
8 accomplishments; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 100th anniversary of the acquisition of the Asa Packer Mansion
11 by Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.