
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 175 Session of
2015

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MAJOR, MARSICO, McCARTER, McNEILL, MILLARD, MUSTIO, O'NEILL,
PICKETT, ROSS, SAINATO, THOMAS, VEREB, WARD, WATSON AND
WHEELAND, APRIL 15, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the
2 Borough of Zelienople.

3 WHEREAS, A celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the
4 Borough of Zelienople in Butler County is being held from May 26
5 through 30, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, The 10,000-acre tract in western Pennsylvania on
7 which the borough now stands was acquired in the early 19th
8 century by Baron Detmar Basse from Germany; and

9 WHEREAS, The early settlement, on the left bank of the
10 Connoquenessing Creek, was named for Baron Basse's eldest
11 daughter, Zélie; and

12 WHEREAS, The settlement included a sawmill, brickyard and one
13 of the area's first charcoal blast furnaces; and

14 WHEREAS, The furnace, located in nearby Beaver County, fueled
15 the start of the steel industry in our nation along with other

1 early furnaces; and

2 WHEREAS, Baron Basse's multistory brick, stone and frame home
3 called Bassenheim attested to his influence until its
4 destruction by fire in the 1840s; and

5 WHEREAS, German immigrant Christian Buhl, a hatter and
6 furrier who would serve as a Butler County associate judge,
7 built the Buhl House on South Main Street in 1805; and

8 WHEREAS, The Passavant House on South Main Street, built in
9 1809, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and
10 serves as headquarters of the Zelienople Historical Society; and

11 WHEREAS, Zelienople was incorporated as a borough in 1840;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In the 1870s the first passenger train on the
14 Pittsburgh & Western Railroad reached the borough; and

15 WHEREAS, Schools, churches, industries, residential
16 development, nonprofit organizations and local government have
17 flourished in the decades which followed; and

18 WHEREAS, The borough has employed a full-time borough manager
19 since 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, The borough's population in 2014 was recorded as
21 3,815 people; and

22 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in celebrating
23 the borough's rich history, proudly noting its origin on the
24 western frontier and the growth and quality of life sustained
25 there from its incorporation to the present day; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
27 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Borough of
28 Zelienople; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the Borough of Zelienople, 111 West New Castle Street,

1 Zelienople, PA 16063.