

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 191 Session of
2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 2, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 230th anniversary of the election of
2 Pennsylvania's Frederick Muhlenberg as the first Speaker of
3 the United States House of Representatives on April 1, 2019.

4 WHEREAS, Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg was born in
5 Trappe, Pennsylvania, on January 1, 1750, and followed in his
6 father's footsteps to become a Lutheran minister; and

7 WHEREAS, Due to political instability and financial
8 constraints, he became a member of the Continental Congress in
9 1779; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Muhlenberg served in the very first four United
11 States congressional sessions and was elected as the first
12 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives on April
13 1, 1789, and later served as Speaker of the Third Congress from
14 1793 to 1795; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Speaker Muhlenberg's leadership, the First
16 Federal Congress established many Federal departments that are

1 essential to the function of our nation today; and

2 WHEREAS, These departments include the State Department,
3 United States Department of the Treasury, Department of War, the
4 Federal Judiciary and the First Bank of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Muhlenberg demonstrated his dedication to
6 service in many of his other roles, including Speaker of the
7 Pennsylvania General Assembly, Montgomery County's first
8 Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills, Justice of the Peace
9 and as a delegate to and President of the Pennsylvania
10 convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Muhlenberg presided over the passage of the Bill
12 of Rights and was the first signatory; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his many accomplishments, Speaker
14 Frederick Muhlenberg passed laws providing for the first Census,
15 naturalization, patents and copyrights, which have a profound
16 impact in the present day; and

17 WHEREAS, Complimenting his achievements, Speaker Frederick
18 Muhlenberg has a special connection to the 146th District due to
19 the fact that his historic home is now a museum known as "The
20 Speaker's House"; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 230th anniversary of the election of Pennsylvania's Frederick
23 Muhlenberg as the first Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives on April 1, 2019; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Frederick
26 Muhlenberg for his many contributions and leadership, which have
27 shaped the course of United States history.