
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 358 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY FARNESE, FONTANA, STREET, IOVINO, DINNIMAN,
SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE
AND BLAKE, AUGUST 31, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AUGUST 31, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church on its 200 years of
2 service to the City of Philadelphia and its dedication to
3 improving lives in its community.

4 WHEREAS, On June 6, 2020, the Wesley A.M.E Zion Church
5 celebrated 200 years of continuous service in South
6 Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, Wesley A.M.E Zion Church is one of the earliest
8 independent African-American churches established in the City of
9 Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, Organized on June 6, 1820, the Wesley A.M.E. Zion
11 Church grew to have the second largest membership of all black
12 churches in the city at that time; and

13 WHEREAS, The church has been the site of abolitionist
14 rallies, antislavery protests and race improvement conventions;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church was one of the targets
17 of the Lombard Street abolitionist riots where angry mobs burned
18 abolitionist meeting places; and

1 WHEREAS, The church was instrumental in founding the
2 Frederick Douglas Memorial Hospital, the first hospital in
3 Philadelphia for African-American residents; therefore be it
4 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Wesley A.M.E. Zion
5 Church on its 200 years of service to the City of Philadelphia
6 and its dedication to improving lives in its community.