
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 164 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY RUDY, CLARK, SATHER, HANNA, HERMAN, STETLER,
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JAROLIN, BELARDI, COY, ITKIN, TRELLO, STABACK, PETTIT AND
MANDERINO, JUNE 5, 1995

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 5, 1995

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Township of Armagh, Mifflin County, on its
2 225th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Township of Armagh, Mifflin County, is
4 celebrating the momentous occasion of its 225th Anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, In January 1770, the Cumberland County Court issued
6 a court order granting a petition of the inhabitants of
7 Kishacoquillas Valley to "strike the Great Valley into a
8 township by itself" nearly 20 years before the creation of
9 Mifflin County; and

10 WHEREAS, The settlers, upon having their territory separated
11 from Derry Township, which had encompassed what is now all of
12 Mifflin County, decided to call their new township ". . . by the
13 name of Armagh" to remind them of their homes in Northern
14 Ireland, the county in which they or their ancestors had
15 originated; and

1 WHEREAS, Armagh Township was reduced in size in 1836 because
2 of the creation of Brown and Menno townships, and the township
3 borders have since been bounded on the northwest by Centre
4 County, on the northeast by Synder and Union counties, on the
5 southeast by Decatur and Derry townships along the summit of
6 Jack's Mountain, on the southwest by Brown Township, and by a
7 small portion of Huntingdon County at the northwest corner; and

8 WHEREAS, The first post office was established in the
9 township in 1828 under the name of Valley in the village of
10 Perrysville, where William Thompson, the first postmaster, kept
11 the office at his residence, a short distance northwest of what
12 is now Milroy; the name of the village and the post office was
13 changed to Milroy in 1850 in honor of Henry Milroy, who had the
14 original grant, dated August 1, 1766, for the land on which the
15 village stands; and

16 WHEREAS, The township also includes the villages of
17 Siglerville, Naginey and Shrader and the area of Pot-Liquor
18 Flat: Siglerville lies in the east end of the Kishacoquillas
19 Valley and was founded by Joseph Sigler in 1847 with the
20 construction of a blacksmith shop; Naginey is named for Charles
21 Naginey, on whose farm a station shed on the Milroy branch of
22 the Pennsylvania Railroad was built and called Naginey, a name
23 which has adhered to the extensive limestone at that point and
24 to a cave near the station; Shrader originated as a railroad
25 station on the Milroy branch, less than a mile west of Naginey,
26 and where the post office that originally opened was called
27 Naginey, but the town kept the name Shrader in honor of an old
28 family who occupied one of the earliest houses built in that
29 section of the valley; Pot-Liquor Flat applies to the section
30 between Milroy and the entrance of the old turnpike to the Seven

1 Mountains; and

2 WHEREAS, The original settlers outlasted the French and
3 Indian War and Pontiac War, and the inhabitants of the township
4 throughout its history have made their livelihoods from farms,
5 mills, still-houses and various forms of industrial employment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Armagh Township has been
8 blessed with a succession of civic leaders whose guidance and
9 leadership have helped it to grow and flourish, and was blessed
10 as well with citizens whose hard work and dedication have helped
11 it to become a vital presence in this Commonwealth, so that
12 today, the community looks forward to the future with the same
13 hope that filled the hearts of its early settlers; and

14 WHEREAS, Armagh Township will begin its big 225th Anniversary
15 celebration on Friday, July 7, 1995, and will hold festivities
16 each weekend through July 30, featuring activities that will
17 highlight the history of the township; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
19 Township of Armagh, Mifflin County, upon the joyous celebration
20 of its 225th Anniversary and extend profound best wishes for
21 many more joyous celebrations in the years to come; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the
24 Honorable Ruth C. Rudy, be transmitted to the Township of
25 Armagh, Mifflin County.