
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 543 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY M. SMITH, BAKER, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA,
DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HAHN,
HARHART, HENNESSEY, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHER, MANN, MATZIE,
MILLARD, MURT, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO,
SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, SWANGER, VEREB,
VULAKOVICH, WHITE, GOODMAN, MAHONEY AND GRELL,
JANUARY 24, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY
24, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mt. Lebanon in
2 Allegheny County.

3 WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon comprises more than six square miles of
4 western Pennsylvania's hills, operating under a council-manager
5 form of government with five elected commissioners; and

6 WHEREAS, The majority of early settlers were of Scotch-Irish
7 descent; and

8 WHEREAS, Some of Mt. Lebanon's prominent settlers included
9 Andrew McFarlane, the area's first justice of the peace, and
10 Joseph T. McKnight, the first local postmaster; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1901, the first planned subdivision was
12 established; and

13 WHEREAS, By 1905, more than ten subdivisions were approved,
14 transforming this rural area into a modern suburb; and

15 WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon, currently a home rule municipality in

1 Allegheny County, was founded on February 6, 1912, as Mount
2 Lebanon Township; and

3 WHEREAS, Mount Lebanon Township split from Scott Township on
4 February 6, 1912, because residents desired greater municipal
5 improvements, such as gas, water, electricity, sewer and other
6 amenities, to quicken development; and

7 WHEREAS, In July 1912, Mount Lebanon School District was
8 established with two schools, and presently the district
9 contains ten schools; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1924, the Liberty Tunnels were completed, turning
11 Mount Lebanon Township into the fastest growing community in
12 Pennsylvania throughout the 1920s, and the Pittsburgh region's
13 premier automobile suburb; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1974, Mount Lebanon Township approved a home rule
15 charter to become a municipality, thereby dropping the
16 "township" moniker and shortening "Mount Lebanon" to "Mt.
17 Lebanon"; and

18 WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon's population has grown from just 1,705
19 in 1912, to more than 30,000 residents today; and

20 WHEREAS, Several famous residents of Mt. Lebanon include
21 wrestler Kurt Angle, billionaire Mark Cuban, actress Gillian
22 Jacobs and scientist Peter Safar; and

23 WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon presently contains many planned
24 subdivisions with unique architecture and characteristics, an
25 outstanding school system and excellent municipal services; and

26 WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon provides a premier example of the
27 automobile suburb; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
29 celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mt. Lebanon in Allegheny
30 County.