

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 723 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, AUMENT, BEAR, BOYD, CUTLER, STURLA, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HAHN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HESS, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MANN, MARSICO, MILLARD, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, ROCK, ROSS, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH AND WATERS, MAY 9, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 9, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the
2 Borough of Marietta.

3 WHEREAS, For over two centuries, the Borough of Marietta has
4 been nestled on the banks of the Susquehanna River in western
5 Lancaster County; and

6 WHEREAS, Formerly known as Anderson's Ferry, the Borough of
7 Marietta was incorporated in 1812; and

8 WHEREAS, Marietta prospered in the 1800s due to flourishing
9 river commerce on the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad; and

10 WHEREAS, Iron smelting also contributed to Marietta's
11 prosperous economy and growing population; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1863, the First National Bank of Marietta became
13 the first chartered bank in Lancaster County and the 25th
14 chartered bank in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to its prosperity, Marietta became the home to
2 many mansions which hosted such esteemed guests as President
3 Ulysses S. Grant, President Grover Cleveland and Supreme Court
4 Justices; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1882, Dr. H. M. Alexander founded the first
6 commercial biological laboratory in the United States, and in
7 1894 more vaccine was produced in his laboratory than in any
8 other laboratory in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1936, Marietta was devastated by the Pennsylvania
10 Flood; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1965, civic-minded individuals formed Marietta
12 Restoration Associates to promote the restoration and
13 preservation of Marietta's history and architecture; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1972, Hurricane Agnes devastated Marietta but
15 also sparked community renovation efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, Since Hurricane Agnes, there have been successful
17 revitalization efforts in Marietta which led to 48% of the
18 borough being listed on the National Register of Historic Places
19 for being a well-preserved example of a mid-19th century town;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Four of Marietta's historic buildings have been
22 restored for public use, including the old town hall, the old
23 bank, the union meeting house and the community house; and

24 WHEREAS, The borough is an architecture lovers' paradise
25 boasting a variety of historic homes, including Victorian,
26 Colonial American and Gothic cottages and log cabins; and

27 WHEREAS, With its charming landmarks, Marietta contributes to
28 the rich history of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
30 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of

1 Marietta.