

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 822 Session of
2014

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KIRKLAND, GINGRICH AND SCAVELLO, APRIL 30, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 30, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Pottstown School
2 District.

3 WHEREAS, The Pottstown community was founded in 1752 by John
4 Potts, a colonial ironmaster; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pottstown community is located along the
6 Schuylkill River in western Montgomery County and the estimated
7 population is 21,000; and

8 WHEREAS, Pottstown, along with many boroughs along the
9 Schuylkill River, was the home of thriving industry, which in
10 turn helped spur economic opportunity in Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, Recently Pottstown, with its small town atmosphere,
12 has shifted from heavy industry towards small businesses and has
13 attracted new small businesses and many new professionals; and

14 WHEREAS, The oldest available records indicate that in 1784 a
15 log building was erected for the purpose of educating the youth
16 of the area and was supported with citizens' subscription; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the oldest records available, the State

1 of Pennsylvania established a law which provided for the
2 establishment of school boards in 1834; and

3 WHEREAS, Available records show that the Borough of Pottstown
4 in 1838 established the first school board; and

5 WHEREAS, The first graduating class from Pottstown High
6 School in 1881 consisted of five females; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pottstown School District serves Pottstown's
8 student population of 3,200 with quality learning opportunities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Pottstown School District is not only one of the
11 oldest school districts in Pennsylvania, but is also one of the
12 oldest school districts in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, The district has had the leadership of 17 different
14 superintendents beginning with W. W. Rupert to the present time
15 with Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, many facilities were used to house
17 the educational programs of Pottstown, which presently has four
18 elementary schools, one middle school and one high school; and

19 WHEREAS, Pottstown School District has provided quality
20 educational opportunities for the past 175 years that have
21 helped young people establish a foundation for success as
22 adults; and

23 WHEREAS, Alumni of the Pottstown School District have
24 distinguished themselves in all fields of endeavor, including
25 business, science, industry, education, entertainment, sports,
26 government and the military; and

27 WHEREAS, The Foundation for Pottstown Education will
28 celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Pottstown School District
29 at the Brookside Country Club on May 17, 2014, and the Pottstown
30 High School Jazz Band will provide entertainment; and

1 WHEREAS, This resolution will be presented to the Pottstown
2 School District on May 3, 2014, at Smith Plaza; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
4 Pottstown School District for 175 years of service to its
5 community; and be it further
6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
7 Pottstown School District, 230 Beech Street, Pottstown, PA
8 19464.