
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 738 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY TURZAI, MAHER, ORTITAY, ENGLISH, RAVENSTAHL,
KORTZ, KOTIK, DeLUCA, P. COSTA, DEASY, MATZIE AND READSHAW,
MARCH 15, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 15, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the bicentennial of the City of Pittsburgh.

2 WHEREAS, On March 12, 1816, the General Assembly passed a law
3 to incorporate Pittsburgh, which at the time had a population
4 between 5,000 and 6,000 residents; and

5 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh will kick off the celebration
6 of the 200th anniversary of the incorporation as a city on March
7 18, 2016, with an Incorporation Day event at the City-County
8 Building; and

9 WHEREAS, The event will acknowledge innovations that created
10 mighty industries and world class medical and educational
11 facilities and recognize the severe economic challenges the
12 residents have faced and overcome; and

13 WHEREAS, The celebration will feature guest speakers, musical
14 performances, artwork created by local students, historical
15 artifacts from dozens of Pittsburgh institutions and the
16 unveiling of the original City Charter document on loan from the

1 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; and

2 WHEREAS, City volunteers are still searching for the time
3 capsule that Mayor Joseph Armstrong placed in the City-County
4 Building on May 18, 1916, and the city and Bicentennial
5 Commission hope to have a time capsule update on Incorporation
6 Day; and

7 WHEREAS, The city will continue to celebrate its bicentennial
8 with a Bicentennial Bash at the Heinz History Center on July 8,
9 2016, and an Anniversary Celebration on July 9, 2016; therefore
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 bicentennial of the City of Pittsburgh.