
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 598 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MADDEN, R. BROWN, NEILSON, LONGIETTI, BOBACK,
MILLARD, MURT, KINSEY, THOMAS, WARD, PICKETT, O'NEILL,
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SCHWEYER, KORTZ, MARSICO AND GILLEN, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 13, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Township of Stroud,
2 Monroe County.

3 WHEREAS, On January 22, 1817, Stroud Township was originally
4 founded as part of Northampton County; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 1, 1836, Monroe County was founded as a
6 result of carving out parts of Northampton and Pike Counties to
7 create the landscape which bears the surname of our nation's
8 fifth President of the United States, and that today encompasses
9 Stroud Township; and

10 WHEREAS, Stroud Township derives its namesake from Jacob
11 Stroud, an earlier settler and the founder of the Borough of
12 Stroudsburg; and

13 WHEREAS, It is widely posited that the first European
14 settlers of Stroud Township were the Sly brothers, who emigrated
15 from Esopus, New York, to the township in 1750; and

16 WHEREAS, Education was central to the ethos of the Stroud

1 Township community and John Stroud, Daniel Stroud and Mr.
2 Hollingshead are credited for constructing the township's first
3 schoolhouse; and

4 WHEREAS, By 1880, 12 schoolhouses had been erected throughout
5 the township; and

6 WHEREAS, The predominate religious faith of the early
7 European settlers in Stroud Township was that of the Methodist
8 faith, as three of the four earliest houses of worship in the
9 municipality specifically accommodated the spiritual needs of
10 Methodist immigrants; and

11 WHEREAS, Several Methodist churches had been formed,
12 including the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church in 1830, the
13 Spragueville Methodist Episcopal Church in 1858 and the Poplar
14 Valley Methodist Episcopal Church in 1859; and

15 WHEREAS, Farming and industry were very much prevalent in
16 Stroud Township, as parts of the township were known to have
17 soil that was rich in limestone and conducive to agriculture, as
18 well as encompassed landscape that was ideal for tanning,
19 blacksmithing and grist and saw milling; and

20 WHEREAS, During the late 19th century, rail lines had been
21 introduced throughout much of Monroe County and gave way to the
22 erection of multiple boarding houses and resorts including the
23 Analomink Hotel, which offered comfortable accommodations and
24 provided direct access to the trout-rich Brodhead Creek, as well
25 as Highland Dell, the Highland Cottages and the Bleaks House
26 which were all located on Godfrey's Ridge; and

27 WHEREAS, Since the founding of Stroud Township, the
28 municipality has experienced significant growth and development,
29 as evidenced by the township's population in 1840 of 1,206
30 residents, to the 19,213 proud and faithful residents that today

1 call Stroud Township home; and

2 WHEREAS, On Sunday, January 22, 2017, members from Stroud
3 Township's Bicentennial Committee and representatives from the
4 Brodhead Creek Conservation District, the Brodhead Creek
5 Regional Authority, the Pocono Arts Council and the Monroe
6 County Historical Association collectively invited residents to
7 an open house at the Stroud Township Municipal Building for the
8 purpose of recognizing the bicentennial since the founding of
9 Stroud Township; and

10 WHEREAS, This celebration was not only convened for the
11 purpose of commemorating Stroud Township's rich and illustrious
12 history, but to also illustrate the boundless potential that
13 exists for making the township an even more coveted place to
14 live, work and raise a family; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
16 commemorate the 200th anniversary of Stroud Township.