
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 637 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, NEILSON, RYAN, DIGIROLAMO, ENGLISH, WARD,
SONNEY, DUSH, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, CALTAGIRONE, BAKER,
BIZZARRO, PICKETT, READSHAW, MILLARD AND GROVE,
JANUARY 3, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 3, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 200th anniversary of Hope United Methodist
2 Church, formerly known as Salem United Methodist Church.

3 WHEREAS, Hope United Methodist Church, formerly known as
4 Salem United Methodist Church, in Mechanicsburg is the location
5 of the historic Salem Chapel; and

6 WHEREAS, The history of Salem Chapel can be traced as far
7 back as 1818, when the Salem Meeting House was erected on land
8 then known as the Stayman farm; and

9 WHEREAS, Salem Chapel was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal
10 Church for \$100 in 1882, making Salem Chapel the oldest
11 Methodist church building in regular use in the Cumberland
12 Valley; and

13 WHEREAS, Historical records show that the Confederate Army
14 fired artillery from the churchyard in 1863; and

15 WHEREAS, Salem Chapel was closed in 1922 and was reopened in
16 1953 by members of the Wesley United Methodist Church in

1 Mechanicsburg; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1997, a new sanctuary was built for regular
3 Sunday services, and the Salem Chapel continues to be used for
4 many special services; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 200th anniversary of Hope United Methodist Church, formerly
7 known as Salem United Methodist Church.