
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 734 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, MURT, LONGIETTI, READSHAW, NEILSON,
DRISCOLL, PASHINSKI, KINSEY, TOOHL, KIRKLAND, RYAN,
DIGIROLAMO, DAVIS, WATSON, MILLARD, BENNINGHOFF, SOLOMON,
THOMAS, STAATS, MARSICO, BRADFORD, SCHWEYER, HILL-EVANS AND
DONATUCCI, MARCH 9, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 9, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing July 2, 2018, as the 100th anniversary of Mercy
2 Philadelphia Hospital.

3 WHEREAS, In 1913, the Most Reverend Edmond Francis
4 Prendergast, the third Archbishop of Philadelphia, asked the
5 Sisters of Mercy to build a much-needed hospital in West
6 Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, The groundbreaking ceremony for the new hospital, to
8 be named Misericordia Hospital, was held on October 24, 1915,
9 and the hospital opened its doors on July 2, 1918; and

10 WHEREAS, The hospital began its graduate medical education
11 program in 1936, accepting its first medical and surgical
12 interns at both Misericordia and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, During the 1940s and 1950s, the hospital experienced
14 much growth, including the construction of new wings and the
15 expansion of the operating room suite and the radiology,
16 pathology and obstetrics and gynecological departments; and

1 WHEREAS, Teaching at the hospital also expanded to include
2 residencies in surgery, and the School for Practical Nursing was
3 opened on July 3, 1966; and

4 WHEREAS, Through a merger between Catholic Health East and
5 Trinity Health, a new organization, CHE Trinity Health, was
6 formed; and

7 WHEREAS, This new organization and parent company for Mercy
8 Health System represented the second largest Catholic health
9 care provider in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, Mercy Philadelphia Hospital
11 has exhibited the highest quality of standards in medical
12 practice and has worked to improve the quality of life for
13 countless residents; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 100th anniversary of Mercy Philadelphia Hospital on July 2,
16 2018.