
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 317 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY A. DAVIS, MAY 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Morning Star Baptist
2 Church on June 2, 2019.

3 WHEREAS, The Morning Star Baptist Church is a community-based
4 ministry that serves Clairton, Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The church formed following a split from Mount Olive
6 Baptist Church in Clairton; and

7 WHEREAS, On April 9, 1919, A.C. Glover, J.H. Presley, W.A.
8 Coley, A. Wiggins, Ernest Goodwin, Charles Williams, Randolph
9 Campbell, Mel Gunn, J. Ronnie Powell, Ida Glover, Emma Presley,
10 Annie Hamilton, Victoria Moore, Manola Bonner, Bendell Goodwin,
11 Ida Harbin, Elizabeth Powell, Della Williams, Mamie Smith,
12 Fannie Taylor and Bettie Whitside became the the founding
13 members of the Morning Star Baptist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, In the fall of 1919, Reverend J.H. Garner from
15 Selma, Alabama, became Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend J.H. Garner's wife, Ella Garner, served as
18 the organist and organized the first choir; and

1 WHEREAS, The first service was held on the corner of Shaw and
2 Boundary Avenue in Clairton on December 20, 1919; and

3 WHEREAS, From May 31 through June 2, 2019, the Morning Star
4 Baptist Church will hold a centennial celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, The centennial celebration will include a centennial
6 gala, picnic and worship service to mark this joyous occasion;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
9 100th Morning Star Baptist Church on June 2, 2019.