
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 413 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY COOK, JUNE 18, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the City of Monongahela
2 from August 8 through 11, 2019.

3 WHEREAS, The city of Monongahela dates its origin from April
4 17, 1769, when William Nowland, Peter Froman and James Linnes
5 purchased tracts of land at the mouth of Pigeon Creek on the
6 Monongahela River, from a land office in Philadelphia on the
7 strength of a 1768 treaty with the Indians; and

8 WHEREAS, Originally called Parkinson's Ferry, then
9 Williamsport and finally Monongahela City, the town is the
10 oldest settlement in the Monongahela Valley; and

11 WHEREAS, Monongahela thrived as a transportation center
12 supporting thousands of river journeys to the west; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1771, Joseph Parkinson and the DeVore brothers
14 built and operated competing ferries on opposite sides of the
15 Monongahela River; and

16 WHEREAS, Monongahela is an Indian word for "falling banks"
17 and the city includes two Native American burial mounds; and

18 WHEREAS, During the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794, Monongahela

1 was the location of a meeting of 226 whiskey rebels held on a
2 bluff overlooking the Monongahela River, now known as Whiskey
3 Point; and

4 WHEREAS, Many buildings in Monongahela, such as the Longwell
5 House and the Bethel AME Church, were used as part of the
6 Underground Railroad; and

7 WHEREAS, Monongahela is the hometown of famed NFL quarterback
8 Joe Montana; and

9 WHEREAS, Monongahela native, the late Alvin Helfer, is being
10 honored as the recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award for
11 excellence in broadcasting at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown
12 during the Baseball Hall of Fame's 150th anniversary on July 20,
13 2019, in Cooperstown, New York; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
15 250th anniversary of the City of Monongahela from August 8
16 through 11, 2019.