
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 367 Session of
2015

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JUNE 2, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 160th anniversary of the YMCA of York County
2 and honoring the many years of service and dedication to
3 communities across York County.

4 WHEREAS, In 1844, George Williams, a 22-year-old farmer-
5 turned-department-store-worker, joined 11 friends in London to
6 organize the first YMCA as a refuge for Bible study and prayer
7 with a focus on addressing social needs in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, Inspired by the stories of the YMCA in England, a
9 retired Boston sea captain, Thomas Valentine Sullivan, noticed a
10 similar need in the United States and created the first YMCA in
11 the United States at the Old South Church in Boston on December
12 29, 1851; and

13 WHEREAS, Four years later, the YMCA of York County was
14 formed; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1855, the YMCA of York County has been devoted
16 to the application of Christian principles in response to

1 community needs; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the YMCA of York County fosters programs
3 focused on building healthy spirit, mind and body while
4 developing and practicing the Christian principles of faith,
5 hope, love, honesty, respect and responsibility; and

6 WHEREAS, As a catalyst for community collaboration, the YMCA
7 of York County welcomes and connects diverse demographic
8 populations in a shared goal of developing skills and achieving
9 greater health; and

10 WHEREAS, The YMCA of York County is a leader in providing
11 need-based programming centered on building strong kids, strong
12 families and strong communities; and

13 WHEREAS, The YMCA of York County believes that all youth
14 deserve the opportunity to discover themselves and their own
15 potential; and

16 WHEREAS, With a focus on youth development, healthy living
17 and social responsibility, the YMCA of York County nurtures the
18 potential of every youth and teen; and

19 WHEREAS, Through a mission concentrated on balance, the YMCA
20 of York County encourages good health and fosters connections
21 through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests; and

22 WHEREAS, As a result, many youth, adults and families of York
23 County receive the support, guidance and resources necessary to
24 achieve greater health and well-being; and

25 WHEREAS, For 160 years, the YMCA of York County has been
26 listening and responding to the most critical social needs of
27 York County residents and communities; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
29 160th anniversary of the YMCA of York County and honor the many
30 years of service and dedication to communities across York

1 County.