
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 419 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY PAINTER, HENNESSEY, MIRABITO, NEILSON, DIGIROLAMO,
AUMENT, VEREB, FLYNN, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, FREEMAN,
MAJOR, READSHAW, MILLARD, BARRAR, HESS, ROSS, KORTZ,
YOUNGBLOOD, GINGRICH, MAHONEY, GOODMAN, DENLINGER, EVERETT,
CLYMER, BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, MURT AND D. COSTA,
AUGUST 23, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 23, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Honey Brook United Methodist Church during the
2 190th anniversary celebration of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, The Honey Brook United Methodist Church is
4 celebrating its 190th anniversary throughout this year as it
5 remembers its extensive, distinguished history; and

6 WHEREAS, The Honey Brook United Methodist Church (UMC) is the
7 oldest continuous institution in the town of Honey Brook, which
8 is located in Chester County; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1823, a group of devoted followers began meeting
10 in each other's homes, which was the early formation of the
11 Honey Brook UMC; and

12 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the mission of the Honey Brook
13 UMC has been to bring God's word to life in the daily lives of
14 His people; and

15 WHEREAS, The Honey Brook UMC is a friendly community of

1 believers that warmly greets visitors and encourages everyone to
2 be a part of the church family, with its sanctuary's
3 semicircular pews expressly designed to represent its members'
4 welcoming nature; and

5 WHEREAS, The present church building was first constructed in
6 1840 and dedicated in 1843; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1898 a steam heating plant was added and eight
8 stained-glass windows were installed the following year; and

9 WHEREAS, Electric lights and a Moller Pipe Organ were
10 installed during the 1900s; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1920, major improvements were made to the
12 sanctuary, including the addition of a chancel chair rail, and
13 an oak pulpit of Gothic design was presented to the church as a
14 memorial gift; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 60 pastors have served the Honey Brook UMC
16 during its rich 190-year history, including two women pastors;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This year the church is celebrating its many
19 faithful members and honoring those who have been a part of the
20 church for more than 50 years; and

21 WHEREAS, This year's celebration activities include a
22 dramatic recitation of bible stories, a performance by local
23 bluegrass musicians, an "I remember" Sunday, an organ recital
24 and hymn sing, a covered dish supper and a homecoming service to
25 which former ministers will be invited; and

26 WHEREAS, With its remarkable historic presence, the Honey
27 Brook UMC has humbly stood as a shining beacon of hope for the
28 Honey Brook community for nearly two centuries and has truly
29 served its mission well; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Honey

1 Brook United Methodist Church during the 190th anniversary
2 celebration of its founding; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
4 the congregation of the Honey Brook United Methodist Church at
5 the following address: P.O. Box 178, Honey Brook, PA 19344.