
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 49 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, JANUARY 26, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the tremendous work of the Lord through Lighthouse
2 Youth Center in the lives of the youth of the greater Oxford
3 community for the past 27 years and designating January 31,
4 2015, as "Lighthouse Youth Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center has served the greater
6 Oxford community for the past 27 years; and

7 WHEREAS, In early 1986, community residents began meeting to
8 seriously discuss the establishment of a youth center to serve
9 the greater Oxford community; and

10 WHEREAS, Over time, these discussions grew into actions with
11 tangible results with the formation of a board of directors and
12 the hiring of the first director of the youth center; and

13 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center, first located in a
14 space formerly used as a flooring store in downtown Oxford,
15 opened its doors for the first time on Super Bowl Sunday, 1988,
16 with 41 youths in attendance; and

17 WHEREAS, With continued support from the local community and
18 the hand of divine providence, the Lighthouse Youth Center grew
19 remarkably over the years, eventually purchasing and extensively

1 renovating the building it had rented for many years; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center has provided children
3 and youths from all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds with a
4 safe place to gather after school to play games, get help with
5 homework, learn life skills, deepen their faith, establish a
6 mentor relationship and eat dinner; and

7 WHEREAS, In January 1995, Mr. Buzz Tyson became director of
8 the Lighthouse Youth Center; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyson has helped to bring about a tremendous
10 expansion in the services provided to the children and youth of
11 the greater Oxford community; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyson has become widely respected and admired
13 throughout Chester County for his sincere and dedicated service
14 to children; and

15 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Tyson has simultaneously
16 raised funds for the continued operation and expansion of the
17 ministry, recruited new volunteers and established mutually
18 beneficial partnerships with local churches and businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, The Project Blessing Capital Campaign, established
20 in December 2012, united the greater Oxford community in an
21 effort to purchase property and build a new, permanent home for
22 the Lighthouse Youth Center and to provide additional
23 opportunities for the betterment of the community's children;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The campaign has raised more than \$2.5 million to
26 date and has led to the construction of a beautiful new facility
27 on Commerce Street in Oxford; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 tremendous work of the Lord through the Lighthouse Youth Center
30 in the lives of the youth of the greater Oxford community for

1 the past 27 years; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate January
3 31, 2015, as "Lighthouse Youth Center Day" in Pennsylvania; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
6 Lighthouse Youth Center, 245 Commerce Street, Oxford, PA 19363.