

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 797 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DUSH,
HICKERNELL, IRVIN, KINSEY, MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, READSHAW,
RYAN, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, WARD, YOUNGBLOOD AND CONKLIN,
APRIL 6, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Borough of Myerstown.

2 WHEREAS, The original name of Myerstown as it appeared on
3 historical maps was Tulpehocken Town; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1768, Isaac Meier laid out the streets of the
5 town on his farmland north of his homestead, which still exists
6 on South College Street in Myerstown; and

7 WHEREAS, While dining at the former Buch Tavern at 40 West
8 Main Avenue in Myerstown, Isaac Meier was mortally shot through
9 the window on July 14, 1770, and succumbed to the wound the
10 following day at his homestead at 524 South College Street in
11 Myerstown; and

12 WHEREAS, After his death, William Penn's grandson, the
13 Honorable John Penn, Esq., the Lieutenant Governor and Commander
14 in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, offered a reward of
15 one hundred pounds for the capture and prosecution of the
16 murderer; and

1 WHEREAS, After Isaac Meier's death, the local citizenry began
2 referring to the area as Meier-Town and later Myerstown; and

3 WHEREAS, Myerstown was in Lebanon Township, Lancaster County,
4 until 1785 when Dauphin County was created; and

5 WHEREAS, At that time, it was redesignated Heidelberg
6 Township; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1813, Myerstown became part of Lebanon County,
8 which was formed from Dauphin County; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1813, the northern part of Heidelberg Township
10 was designated Jackson Township, which now surrounds Myerstown
11 on all sides; and

12 WHEREAS, The original Native American path that has become
13 known as Main Avenue in Myerstown was developed into the Berks
14 and Dauphin Turnpike which was completed in 1817 as a toll road
15 of 53 miles from Harrisburg to Reading; and

16 WHEREAS, The Union Canal ran through the southern part of
17 Myerstown, opening in 1828; and

18 WHEREAS, President George Washington passed through Myerstown
19 inspecting the construction of the locks on the original canal
20 on October 2, 1793; and

21 WHEREAS, The Union Canal helped Myerstown to flourish, and
22 many factories, hotels and stores were opened in its vicinity;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In the 1850s, the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad
25 constructed rail lines along the southern border of Myerstown,
26 which brought additional prosperity to the borough; and

27 WHEREAS, On February 5, 1912, one square mile of land in
28 Jackson Township was officially incorporated into the Borough of
29 Myerstown; and

30 WHEREAS, Today, Myerstown's rich history and friendly

1 residents make the borough a quintessential Pennsylvania small
2 town; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
4 250th anniversary of the Borough of Myerstown.