
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 406 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, JUNE 23, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the
2 Borough of Monaca, Beaver County.

3 WHEREAS, The Borough of Monaca, Beaver County, borders the
4 Ohio River and is located 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh; and

5 WHEREAS, The land now known as Monaca was first settled by
6 Native American members of the Iroquois Confederacy; and

7 WHEREAS, According to survey records from 1769, a 330-acre
8 tract of land, now part of Monaca, was first recorded by
9 colonists under the name of Smith Township; and

10 WHEREAS, According to records from April 15, 1785, this same
11 330-acre tract of land was surveyed by William L. Lungan, who
12 named the tract of land Appetite; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 5, 1787, Appetite was first purchased
14 through a patent from the Commonwealth for 42 pounds, 7
15 shillings and 6 pence by Ephraim Blaine, grandfather of American
16 statesman James G. Blaine; and

17 WHEREAS, On June 17, 1801, Appetite was sold and purchased by
18 Robert Callender, who died soon after and willed the land to

1 John Wilkens, Jr., George Wallace and Alexander Addison; and

2 WHEREAS, On December 29, 1804, Appetite was sold and
3 purchased by John Niblow; and

4 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1813, Appetite was sold and purchased
5 by Frances Helvidi, a Polish nobleman who was exiled from his
6 native country and immigrated to America and is said to be the
7 first colonial settler of Appetite; and

8 WHEREAS, On August 30, 1821, Appetite was auctioned at a
9 public sale and won by Frederick Rapp; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 24, 1831, Appetite was sold and purchased
11 by Steven Phillips, the owner of the Phillips and Graham boat
12 yards; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 21, 1832, a group of settlers known as the
14 New Philadelphia Society, led by Count Maximillian de Leon,
15 purchased 800 acres of land, including Appetite, to develop a
16 community called Phillipsburg, named after Steven Phillips, by
17 constructing 50 houses, a hotel, factories and a stone church;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, On March 6, 1840, the Municipal Government of Monaca
20 was first incorporated under the name of Phillipsburg; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1848, Dr. Edward Acker established the Water Cure
22 Sanatorium in Phillipsburg which used hydrotherapy to perform
23 medical treatment and is considered the first hospital in Beaver
24 County; and

25 WHEREAS, Thiel College, then known as Thiel Hall, was founded
26 in 1866 by William A. Passavant in Phillipsburg and then
27 relocated to Greenville in 1870; and

28 WHEREAS, On September 20, 1892, the name of the borough was
29 changed from Phillipsburg to Monaca, in honor of Native American
30 Oneida Chief Monacatotha, who also served as a representative

1 of the Iroquois Confederacy and supported George Washington
2 during the American Revolutionary War; and

3 WHEREAS, Monaca's official flag was designed by a 7th grade
4 student named Tammi Temple and adopted by the borough council in
5 1976; and

6 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2009, the Center Area and Monaca school
7 districts merged to establish the Central Valley School
8 District, which was the first voluntary merger of public school
9 districts in this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Due to its large natural deposits of fire clay, the
11 borough's manufacturers have produced enameled porcelain ware,
12 glass, tile, tubing, drawn steel and wire throughout its
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the Borough of Monaca is home to more than
15 5,500 people; and

16 WHEREAS, During the week of June 20, 2015, the residents of
17 Monaca will observe the 175th anniversary of the borough's
18 incorporation by holding a series of celebratory events, which
19 will culminate with the Monaca 175th Anniversary Festival on
20 June 27, 2015; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
22 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Monaca,
23 Beaver County; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 Mayor John P. Antoline and Council President John DiMarzio of
26 the Borough of Monaca.