
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 587 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY PAINTER, VEREB, NEILSON, LUCAS, CALTAGIRONE,
KORTZ, MIRABITO, KIRKLAND, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, JAMES,
MCNEILL, GRELL, ROCK, MILLARD, GODSHALL, KOTIK, BENNINGHOFF,
MURT, GINGRICH, FLECK, EVERETT, MAJOR, KULA, HARHART, COHEN,
ROSS, MAHONEY, GOODMAN, CLYMER, DENLINGER, D. COSTA AND
DIGIROLAMO, DECEMBER 16, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 270th anniversary of the Augustus Lutheran
2 Church building.

3 WHEREAS, In 1717, the predominantly German settlement of
4 Providence developed in Montgomery County along the trail of the
5 Perkiomen Creek; and

6 WHEREAS, Lutherans in early Providence worshiped under the
7 care of itinerant preachers until the 1730's; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1743, led by the permanent Pastor Reverend Henry
9 Melchior Muhlenberg, the congregation of the Augustus Lutheran
10 Church began building the Old Trappe Church using native stone
11 and materials gathered by hand; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 1743, the first services were held in
13 the Old Trappe Church which is now known as the Augustus
14 Lutheran Church building; and

15 WHEREAS, In October 1746, the Old Trappe Church was

1 dedicated; and

2 WHEREAS, The Augustus Lutheran Church building stands today
3 as a testament to the hard work and dedication of its original
4 congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, The Augustus Lutheran Church building is the oldest
6 unchanged Lutheran Church building in continuous use in the
7 United States, still holding services through the summer and on
8 Christmas Eve; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Park Service placed the Augustus
10 Lutheran Church building on the National Register of Historic
11 Places on December 24, 1967; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
13 Augustus Lutheran Church building upon its 270th anniversary.