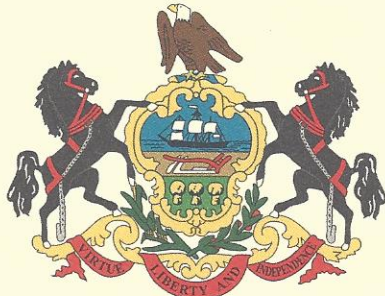


House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, May 21, 2012

Whereas, For over two centuries, the Borough of Marietta has been nestled on the banks of the Susquehanna River in western Lancaster County; and

Whereas, Formerly known as Anderson's Ferry, the Borough of Marietta was incorporated in 1812; and

Whereas, Marietta prospered in the 1800s due to flourishing river commerce on the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad; and

Whereas, Iron smelting also contributed to Marietta's prosperous economy and growing population; and

Whereas, In 1863, the First National Bank of Marietta became the first chartered bank in Lancaster County and the 25th chartered bank in the United States; and

Whereas, Due to its prosperity, Marietta became the home to many mansions which hosted such esteemed guests as President Ulysses S. Grant, President Grover Cleveland and Supreme Court Justices; and

Whereas, In 1882, Dr. H. M. Alexander founded the first commercial biological laboratory in the United States, and in 1894 more vaccine was produced in his laboratory than in any other laboratory in the United States; and

Whereas, In 1936, Marietta was devastated by the Pennsylvania Flood; and

Whereas, In 1965, civic-minded individuals formed Marietta Restoration Associates to promote the restoration and preservation of Marietta's history and architecture; and

Whereas, In 1972, Hurricane Agnes devastated Marietta but also sparked

community renovation efforts; and

Whereas, Since Hurricane Agnes, there have been successful revitalization efforts in Marietta which led to 48% of the borough being listed on the National Register of Historic Places for being a well-preserved example of a mid-19th century town; and

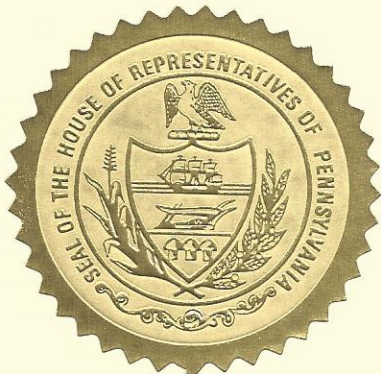
Whereas, Four of Marietta's historic buildings have been restored for public use, including the old town hall, the old bank, the union meeting house and the community house; and

Whereas, The borough is an architecture lovers' paradise boasting a variety of historic homes, including Victorian, Colonial American and Gothic cottages and log cabins; and

Whereas, With its charming landmarks, Marietta contributes to the rich history of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Marietta.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 723, introduced by Hickernell, Aument, Bear, Boyd, Cutler, Sturla, Bradford, Caltagirone, Clymer, Conklin, D. Costa, Daley, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Everett, Fleck, Geist, George, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Goodman, Grell, Hahn, Harhart, Hennessey, Hess, M. K. Keller, Kortz, Kula, Mahoney, Mann, Marsico, Millard, Murt, Mustio, O'Neill, Pyle, Rapp, Readshaw, Reed, Rock, Ross, Scavello, Sonney, Stern, Stevenson, Swanger, Vereb, Vulakovich and Waters.



Samuel H. Smith

Samuel H. Smith, Speaker