
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 392 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY LEWIS AND HENNESSEY, JUNE 16, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the City of Coatesville upon the momentous
2 occasion of its centennial anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The City of Coatesville traces its origins to the
4 18th century, when the earliest-recorded land holding in what is
5 now the city was made by the Fleming family in 1714; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1787, Moses Coates, a farmer and inventor,
7 acquired the land that now comprises the center of the city and
8 constructed a large addition to his home, the Brandywine
9 Mansion; and

10 WHEREAS, Town development began in earnest in 1810, when Jess
11 Kersey, a son-in-law of Mr. Coates, divided a portion of Mr.
12 Coates' land along the newly built highway into building lots
13 and called his project Coates Villa; and

14 WHEREAS, Isaac Pennock, a Quaker ironmaster, purchased Mr.
15 Coates' land and converted a saw mill on the property into the
16 Brandywine Iron Works and Nail Factory, marking the beginning of
17 the iron and steel industry in Coatesville and the genesis of
18 its most historic firm, The Lukens Steel Company; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lukens Steel Company's specialty steel products
2 were used by the United States Navy in the construction of its
3 nuclear submarine fleet and in the superstructure of the
4 original World Trade Center Towers in New York City; and

5 WHEREAS, The construction of the Philadelphia and Columbia
6 Railroad improved the area's travel and marketing opportunities
7 and facilitated shipments of plates from its mills, spurring
8 further growth; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1867, the villages of Coatesville and Midway
10 separated from Valley Township and incorporated as the Borough
11 of Coatesville; and

12 WHEREAS, On August 4, 1913, a petition, signed by 100
13 electors, requesting that steps be taken to make Coatesville a
14 city was placed before the borough council; and

15 WHEREAS, The petition was approved on April 27, 1915; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout its proud history, the City of
17 Coatesville has been blessed with dedicated civic leaders who
18 have helped it to grow and flourish, as well as diligent and
19 productive residents who have helped it become an inspiring
20 presence in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
22 City of Coatesville upon the momentous occasion of its
23 centennial anniversary; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the City of Coatesville.