
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 998 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY MOUL, READSHAW, TALLMAN, PICKETT, DIGIROLAMO,
ROTHMAN, HENNESSEY, SAYLOR, BIZZARRO, MILLARD, NEILSON,
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CAUSER, SONNEY AND DUSH, JUNE 20, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 20, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Camp Letterman.

2 WHEREAS, In July of 1863, it was ordered that an official
3 United State general hospital be opened in Gettysburg on land
4 owned by George Wolf and located approximately half of a mile
5 from the Gettysburg battlefield; and

6 WHEREAS, The general hospital, the first to be placed on the
7 battlefield was named Camp Letterman after Dr. Jonathan
8 Letterman the medical director of the Army of the Potomac; and

9 WHEREAS, Established near a railroad station for ease of
10 movement of incoming medical supplies and wounded soldiers, Camp
11 Letterman was located on what is now the York Pike and was the
12 largest field hospital in North America; and

13 WHEREAS, The hospital was established to treat both Union and
14 Confederate soldiers that were unable to be transferred to other
15 general hospitals; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Janes was in charge of the general

1 hospital and kept careful notes of each patient treated; and

2 WHEREAS, The camp remained open and treated soldiers until
3 November 20, 1863; and

4 WHEREAS, The camp treated more than 4,000 patients; and

5 WHEREAS, Three hundred sixty-five soldiers, forty of which
6 resided in this Commonwealth, died at Camp Letterman; and

7 WHEREAS, The next year, the Union soldiers buried at the camp
8 were removed and reburied in the Gettysburg National Cemetery
9 and the Confederate soldiers were removed and reburied in the
10 1870s; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Camp
12 Letterman.