CONGRESSMAN JIM GERLACH AND COMMISSIONER JOE HOEFFEL SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF THE SPEAKER'S HOUSE:
FREDERICK MUHLENBERG HISTORICAL MARKER INSTALLED

Trappe, PA – On Saturday, April 12 The Speaker's House held a ceremony dedicating a Pennsylvania historical marker in honor of Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the House of Representatives, who resided at 151 W. Main Street in Trappe from 1781-1791.

Congressman Jim Gerlach addressed the crowd of over 150 people. "The Speaker's House project is a tremendously exciting opportunity to celebrate a significant link to our nation's founding and serves as a springboard for community revitalization. I look forward to doing all I can to work with community leaders to renovate this wonderful house, to tell the story of our country's first Speaker of the House of Representatives and to help revitalize the historic Trappe-Collegeville area of Montgomery County."

Other guest speakers included Wayne Spilove, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Hoeffel; and Connie Peck, mayor of Trappe. The Veterans Association of Military Musicians provided musical accompaniment and members of the Perkiomen Valley High School chorus sang the National Anthem. Children from local elementary schools and boy scout troops participated in a reading of the Bill of Rights, which was signed by Muhlenberg in 1789.

The costs of fabricating and installing the marker were underwritten by the Judith Bubeck Family, in memory of their son and brother John T. Bubeck who died while serving in Iraq in December 2006. John resided at the house when it was an apartment building in 2001-02. His mother, Judy, said that he loved knowing the home's connection to history and, while he was living overseas, asked her to mail him articles about the efforts to preserve The Speaker's House.

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