

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 219

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INTRODUCED BY STUBAN, SHOWERS, HASAY, BALDWIN, LUCYK, STEVENS,  
BELARDI, BELFANTI, SERAFINI, PHILLIPS, CAWLEY, TIGUE,  
JAROLIN, BLAUM AND COSLETT, DECEMBER 11, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 11, 1985

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Borough of Berwick, Columbia County, on its  
2 200th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, In 1986 the Borough of Berwick will celebrate the  
4 Bicentennial of its founding; and

5 WHEREAS, Berwick was founded in 1786 by Evan Owens; and

6 WHEREAS, Evan Owens, son of Hugh and Sarah Owens, was born in  
7 1745 in Chester County; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1778 he was commissioned Justice of the Peace for  
9 Northumberland County; and

10 WHEREAS, Evan Owens and John Doan explored the territory in  
11 the area in what now comprises Northumberland, Montour and  
12 Columbia Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Owens selected the present site of Berwick  
14 because of its location above the Susquehanna River; and

15 WHEREAS, Evan Owens was commissioned by the Supreme Executive  
16 Council to explore, survey and mark the best route for the  
17 public road between the Susquehanna River at the falls of

1 Nescopeck and the Lehigh River and upon completion of this road  
2 Berwick began to flourish; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1786 the streets of Oak, Vine, Mulberry, Market,  
4 Pine, Chestnut, Butternut and Walnut were laid out by the  
5 surveyor and proprietor, Evan Owens; and

6 WHEREAS, Evan Owens was a respected, charitable and honorable  
7 citizen for nearly 30 years and held several public offices,  
8 serving with dignity, respect and satisfaction to his fellow  
9 citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Owens and his wife Jane are buried in Berwick  
11 Pine Grove Cemetery; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 29, 1818, by act of the General Assembly,  
13 Berwick was incorporated; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
15 citizens of Berwick on the momentous and joyous occasion of the  
16 200th Anniversary of its creation and the role it has played as  
17 a vital and prestigious borough; and express its hope for many  
18 more years of growth; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
20 the Office of Mayor of Berwick, Pennsylvania.