

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 364 Session of
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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Village of Yeagertown on the occasion of its
2 150th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The territory where the Village of Yeagertown exists
4 was purchased from the Iroquois Indians in July 1754, by the
5 Penn family and warranted to Everhart Martin in 1755; and

6 WHEREAS, Christopher Martin inherited his father's estate and
7 erected a sawmill and gristmill on the east side of the
8 Kishacoquillas Creek about 1792; and

9 WHEREAS, The land passed from Christopher Martin to George
10 Hanawalt, and then to James Mayes on January 6, 1796, who
11 erected the stone dwelling at the north end of Yeagertown, along
12 with a stone barn, a distillery and a stone tavern, and operated
13 the sawmill and gristmill; and

14 WHEREAS, On May 6, 1806, James Mayes sold the property to
15 Philip Diehl; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1810, Philip Diehl sold the property to Robert
17 Forsythe who operated the mill until his death in 1824,

1 whereafter the mill was owned by the Forsythe heirs and operated
2 by a Campbell and an Oliver; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1842, John Oliver, Jr., sold the mill and 50
4 acres to John Jacob Yeager, who settled there with his wife,
5 eight sons and a daughter, and who operated the mill; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village of Yeagertown was named in honor of John
7 Jacob Yeager; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1859, Jeremiah M. Yeager, son of Jacob, bought
9 the mill, tore down the original structure and erected a new
10 mill and operated it until his death in 1906; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1906, the mill passed to the youngest of Jacob
12 Yeager's sons, Jesse Orrin Yeager, who added lumber and coal to
13 the Yeager Mill business; and

14 WHEREAS, Around the turn of the century, a power plant was
15 constructed at the mill which generated enough electricity for
16 all of Yeagertown; and

17 WHEREAS, The mill prospered until its closing in 1917; and

18 WHEREAS, The former Lake to Sea Highway, now known as Route
19 322, contributed to the rapid growth of the Village of
20 Yeagertown; and

21 WHEREAS, The Village of Yeagertown's land is blessed with
22 areas conducive to hunting, fishing and planting; and

23 WHEREAS, The Village of Yeagertown has, throughout its
24 history, grown and prospered through the skills and labors of
25 its residents, embracing and exemplifying the energy, dedication
26 and diversity from which our Nation and this Commonwealth draw
27 their strength; and

28 WHEREAS, The Village of Yeagertown continues to grow and
29 prosper and has become a valuable small business district and an
30 outstanding family community in this Commonwealth; therefore be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Village
3 of Yeagertown on its 150th Anniversary Sesquicentennial
4 Celebration.