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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 546 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY HARHART, MACKENZIE, SCHLOSSBERG, MCNEILL, DAY,  
MIRABITO, LUCAS, DONATUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, NEILSON, SAMUELSON,  
READSHAW, VEREB, O'NEILL, COHEN, MUSTIO, MALONEY, SWANGER,  
HEFFLEY, WATSON, MILLARD, BENNINGHOFF, PICKETT, KORTZ,  
DIGIROLAMO, MURT, GINGRICH, HAHN, FLECK, EVERETT, FREEMAN,  
MAJOR, KULA, GROVE, ROSS, MAHONEY, MARSICO, GOODMAN,  
DENLINGER, GILLEN AND QUINN, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Borough of  
2 Slatington.

3 WHEREAS, In the 1730s, Nicholas Kern acquired 500 acres in  
4 the area that would later become Slatington, which at the time  
5 was occupied by the Lenni-Lenape Native Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1844, slate was discovered in the ground beneath  
7 the land, which was a big boon to the area which continued to  
8 flourish after the opening of a canal and the expansion of the  
9 railroad; and

10 WHEREAS, In August of 1864, Slatington became incorporated  
11 into this Commonwealth as the Borough of Slatington; and

12 WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, Slatington became one of  
13 the top producers of slate from 1847, when the first slate  
14 factory was built, until after World War I, when the industry  
15 began to slow; and

1       WHEREAS, Currently, the borough is home to more than 4,000  
2 people, covers approximately 1.3 square miles of land and is  
3 home to the headquarters for Penn Big Bed Slate Company; and

4       WHEREAS, Slatington is also home to the Fireman's Drinking  
5 Fountain and Slatington Historic District, which are both listed  
6 on the National Register of Historical Places; and

7       WHEREAS, The Slatington Sesquicentennial Committee, the  
8 official committee of the Borough of Slatington commemorating  
9 the sesquicentennial, is celebrating the history of the  
10 community with activities that will pay homage to those who  
11 lived, worked and volunteered in the borough; and

12       WHEREAS, The year of celebration has just kicked off the  
13 festivities beginning on August 24, 2013, with a celebration at  
14 the Seventh Street Park; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
16 sesquicentennial anniversary of the Borough of Slatington.