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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 342 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, CALTAGIRONE, HENNESSEY, KAVULICH, MURT,  
PASHINSKI, READSHAW, DIGIROLAMO, FREEMAN, MILLARD, BIZZARRO,  
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SAINATO, NEILSON, SAYLOR, BOBACK, ROZZI AND KINSEY,  
MAY 18, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 18, 2017

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Borough of Sugar Notch.

2 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch, in Luzerne County, was originally a  
3 part of Hanover Township; and

4 WHEREAS, The area known as Sugar Notch was originally settled  
5 by colonists from Connecticut and Pennsylvania in the mid-18th  
6 century; and

7 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch and Warrior Run were originally one  
8 borough, until Warrior Run was established as an independent  
9 borough in 1895; and

10 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch was incorporated as a borough on April  
11 3, 1867; and

12 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch was named for the sugar maple trees  
13 growing in the nearby mountain gap; and

14 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch began to develop when the Lehigh and  
15 Susquehanna Railroad was extended to the nearby town of

1 Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, bringing with it the lucrative coal  
2 mining industry; and

3 WHEREAS, The coal mining industry has historically been very  
4 important to Sugar Notch as a major source of employment; and

5 WHEREAS, In April 1879, seven miners and a boy door tender  
6 were trapped in a mine for five days and were deemed heroes  
7 after being rescued; and

8 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch has historically had a large Catholic  
9 populace who have worshiped in several of the borough's Roman  
10 Catholic churches; and

11 WHEREAS, Holy Family Parish, established in 1903 as a Polish  
12 parish serving European immigrants, celebrated its centennial in  
13 September 2003; and

14 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1948, Eleanor Roosevelt visited Sugar  
15 Notch for the dedication of a war memorial that features a bust  
16 of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Roosevelt lauded the friendly people of Sugar  
18 Notch and thanked them for honoring President Roosevelt; and

19 WHEREAS, In October 1960, John F. Kennedy stopped at the war  
20 memorial in Sugar Notch to give a short speech just prior to  
21 being elected President of the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Sugar Notch observes its 150th anniversary in 2017;  
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24 WHEREAS, The Sesquicentennial Committee commemorating the  
25 150th anniversary of Sugar Notch consists of Mayor William  
26 Davis, honorary chairman; Kendal Hancock, chairman; Mary Kay  
27 Pettinger, secretary; Marsha Panetta, treasurer; and members  
28 Regina Fillman, Diane Yatko Evans, Linda Helfrich and Jason  
29 Garcia; and

30 WHEREAS, The commemoration includes a Memorial Day tribute to

1 Sugar Notch's veterans and those who died in service, as well as  
2 a community dinner; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
4 150th anniversary of the Borough of Sugar Notch.