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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 404 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY RAPP, DUSH, BENNINGHOFF, MAJOR, SANKEY, PICKETT,  
WHITE, CAUSER, KAUFFMAN, HAHN, SONNEY, METZGAR, BAKER, MURT,  
HARHART, FARINA, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, DIGIROLAMO, CALTAGIRONE,  
MILLARD, HENNESSEY, HEFFLEY, WARD, ROSS, BOBACK, GROVE,  
MARSICO, O'NEILL, READSHAW, GINGRICH, WATSON AND D. COSTA,  
JUNE 23, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 23, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Borough of Centerville.

2 WHEREAS, The Centerville Borough, in Crawford County, was  
3 incorporated in 1865; and

4 WHEREAS, The first settler of what is now Centerville Borough  
5 was Daniel McBride, who contracted with Holland Land Company a  
6 gratuity of 100 acres and constructed a round log cabin and  
7 cleared land for a small farm; and

8 WHEREAS, The second permanent settler was Nathan Winton, a  
9 Revolutionary War soldier, who purchased land for a settlement  
10 and began by building a dam and erecting a sawmill that he  
11 operated for a number of years; and

12 WHEREAS, Centerville's population was at its highest in 1870  
13 with 322 residents and at that time had three general  
14 merchandise stores, a drug store, hardware store, furniture  
15 store, millinery store, meat market, stove and handle factory,

1 tin shop, wagon shop, grist mill, two saw mills and two  
2 blacksmith shops, along with two hotels, three physicians, three  
3 churches and two railroads; and

4 WHEREAS, The borough has been the home of the Odd Fellows, an  
5 elementary and high school, Garnett's Furniture Store,  
6 Southall's Hardware Store, a milk plant, train depot, gas  
7 station, soda bar and gift shop, minor and little league ball  
8 teams and ball fields; and

9 WHEREAS, Centerville has a strong history of residents  
10 serving in the military; and

11 WHEREAS, As of the 2010 census, the borough had a population  
12 of 218 residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Centerville currently has three active churches,  
14 scout troops, a Women's Club, Lion's Club, volunteer fire  
15 department and ambulance service, two cemeteries and the borough  
16 playground; and

17 WHEREAS, The borough is home to the PennDot State Barn, the  
18 Centerville Post Office and businesses, including Merse J.  
19 Process Lawn and Garden Tractors and Tires, Southall's Propane  
20 Gas Company and Davison's Community Grocery Store; and

21 WHEREAS, Centerville and its residents will host a  
22 celebration to recognize the 150th anniversary at their annual  
23 Strawberry Festival on July 4th; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
25 150th anniversary of the Borough of Centerville.