

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 783 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, MALONEY, BAKER, BEAR, BRENNAN,
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TOEPEL, VEREB, REED AND HICKERNELL, JUNE 18, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
18, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Bally, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, The Borough of Bally was originally called

4 Goshenhoppen, an Indian word meaning "meeting place"; and

5 WHEREAS, Mennonites and Catholics settled the borough in the
6 area in the early 18th century; and

7 WHEREAS, Bally has traditionally been the home of many
8 Pennsylvania Dutch settlers and their descendants; and

9 WHEREAS, There are numerous businesses and industries in
10 Bally, some of which are known internationally; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the largest industries are Bally Ribbon Mills,
12 Bally Block Co. and Peerless Boilers; and

13 WHEREAS, Two other major manufacturers, Great American
14 Knitting Mills (now Gold Toe Socks) and Bally Case and Cooler
15 (now Bally Refrigerated Boxes) were founded in Bally and were

1 located there for decades; and

2 WHEREAS, The Bally area is also well known for its
3 agriculture; and

4 WHEREAS, Bally lies in the heart of an area named "Butter
5 Valley," extending from Hereford, through Bally, to Boyertown;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The name is due to the large number of dairy farms
8 in the valley; and

9 WHEREAS, Renowned Italian artist, furniture designer and
10 metal sculpture musician Harry Bertioia settled in the area and
11 established his Bertioia Studio on Main Street in Bally; and

12 WHEREAS, The Borough of Bally is celebrating the 100th
13 anniversary of its founding this year; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Borough
15 of Bally on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its
16 founding.