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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 21, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the  
2 Borough of Hatboro.

3 WHEREAS, In the early 18th century, a small farming village  
4 named Billet was established along Old York Road, a stage coach  
5 route between Philadelphia and New York and former Indian trail,  
6 in southeastern Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The land on which Billet was established was  
8 purchased on a warrant from William Penn by the family of  
9 Nicholas More; and

10 WHEREAS, In its early years, the borough maintained a rural  
11 character, consisting primarily of farms and a few businesses;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, John Dawson, a hatter from England, built a house in  
14 Billet that later became known as the Crooked Billet Inn; and

15 WHEREAS, The village of Billet became known as Hatborough in

1 1740; and

2 WHEREAS, Several times during 1777, George Washington and his  
3 troops passed through the borough in pursuit of British troops;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, On May 1, 1778, during the British occupation of  
6 Philadelphia, a Revolutionary War skirmish known as the Battle  
7 of Crooked Billet took place in the borough; and

8 WHEREAS, On August 26, 1871, the Borough of Hatboro was  
9 officially incorporated from Moreland Township; and

10 WHEREAS, The mid-20th century saw an increase in the  
11 population of the borough as various companies located nearby to  
12 support the war effort; and

13 WHEREAS, The borough has continued to flourish and its  
14 educational strength has never wavered; and

15 WHEREAS, This year marks the 300th anniversary of the  
16 establishment of the Borough of Hatboro; and

17 WHEREAS, It is fitting to commemorate this important  
18 milestone due to the contributions the Borough of Hatboro has  
19 made to the history of this nation and our Commonwealth;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
22 300th anniversary of the establishment of the Borough of  
23 Hatboro.