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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Tim Briggs
DATE: October 1, 2012
SUBJ: Co-Sponsorship Request – Swedesburg, PA Tricentennial

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution to celebrate the 300 year anniversary of the founding of Swedesburg, PA. One of Montgomery County's oldest settlements, Swedesburg was founded in 1712 by early Swedish colonists expanding from Philadelphia. These settlers are also credited with bringing the log cabin into use - a structure that has since become an American icon.

Christ Church, a major community landmark, was dedicated in 1735. In December 1777, General George Washington and his troops visited Christ Church and encamped there before going on to Valley Forge. Today, Swedesburg is a thriving community of middle-class families and small businesses.

Swedesburg's history parallels those of countless Pennsylvania towns that offered refuge to anyone seeking freedom and economic advancement. That shared story has continued now for 300 years and merits recognition by the PA House of Representatives.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kat Manucci at 717-705-7011 or kmanucci@pahouse.net.