

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Borough of Paxtang on its 100th anniversary.

2 WHEREAS, The Borough of Paxtang takes its name from the
3 Susquehannock Indian village of Peshtank, which means "still
4 waters"; and

5 WHEREAS, In the earliest years of William Penn's charter, the
6 area known as Paxtang, sometimes referred to as Paxton,
7 encompassed the land from the banks of the Swatara Creek,
8 northward to Blue Mountain and beyond; and

9 WHEREAS, From 1729 until 1785, the land was a township in
10 Lancaster County; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1754, much of the land was deeded to Thomas
12 Rutherford whose descendants occupied it until F.H. Rohrer and
13 Son, a Harrisburg realty company, established a subdivision; and

14 WHEREAS, After the founding of Dauphin County, the land was
15 divided into many townships, including Swatara Township, which
16 included what is now known as the Borough of Paxtang; and

17 WHEREAS, The Borough of Paxtang was founded on July 3, 1914,

1 and incorporated the same year; and

2 WHEREAS, Religion and education have been at Paxtang's
3 Scotch-Irish core; and

4 WHEREAS, Paxton Church was founded in 1732, making it the
5 oldest Presbyterian Church in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The borough features a sampling of American domestic
7 architecture from the late 19th century and early 20th century,
8 with its main thoroughfare, Paxtang Avenue, showcasing high-
9 style homes; and

10 WHEREAS, On July 3 through 6, 2014, the residents of Paxtang
11 are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the borough's founding
12 with several community events, including a dinner, parade and
13 home and garden tour; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 Borough of Paxtang on its 100th anniversary.