

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the York Fair.

2 WHEREAS, In 1765, Thomas Penn, son of William Penn, helped to  
3 establish the York Fair; and

4 WHEREAS, The York Fair was America's first fair and is the  
5 longest-running fair in our nation's history; and

6 WHEREAS, The fair predates the Declaration of Independence  
7 and the birth of our nation by 11 years; and

8 WHEREAS, The fair has embodied the American spirit of  
9 perseverance throughout its storied history; and

10 WHEREAS, Starting shortly after shells fired on Fort Sumter  
11 in April 1861, the fair provided space during the Civil War for  
12 the Union Army to operate a hospital for wounded soldiers; and

13 WHEREAS, The fair remained open during World War II while  
14 most other fairs, such as the Pennsylvania Farm Show, closed;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on  
17 September 11, 2001, the fair remained open to celebrate and

1 commemorate American life and culture; and

2 WHEREAS, The York Fair has served the community during its  
3 entire history and will continue to serve the community for  
4 years to come; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
6 250th anniversary of the York Fair.