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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 843 Session of  
2012

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INTRODUCED BY MANN, BRENNAN, DAY, FREEMAN, HAHN, HARHART,  
MACKENZIE, SAMUELSON AND SIMMONS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the City of Allentown on the  
2 250th anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, The City of Allentown is celebrating its 250th  
4 anniversary in 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1762, shipping merchant William Allen founded  
6 Northampton Towne, a 12-cabin village; and

7 WHEREAS, Allentown has played an important role in our  
8 nation's history; and

9 WHEREAS, Founding father John Adams passed through  
10 Northampton Towne in 1777; and

11 WHEREAS, During the American Revolution, 11 bells from  
12 Philadelphia, including the Liberty Bell, were hidden in  
13 Northampton Towne under the floorboards of Zion's United Church  
14 of Christ on Hamilton Street; and

15 WHEREAS, Northampton Towne was named the county seat of  
16 Lehigh County and renamed Allentown in 1838; and

17 WHEREAS, After the Industrial Revolution, Allentown became an

1 important industrial center, connected by major railroads and  
2 canals, and was a hotbed for the manufacturing of iron, steel,  
3 cement and textiles; and

4 WHEREAS, Allentown developed a strong tradition in the  
5 brewing of beer in the 19th and 20th centuries; and

6 WHEREAS, Allentown has transformed itself into a center for  
7 finance, health care, education, technology and science; and

8 WHEREAS, Allentown has had a long tradition of diversity,  
9 from its multilingual and multinational beginnings to today; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legacy Project has been initiated in conjunction  
11 with Allentown's 250th anniversary, taking inventory of every  
12 piece of public art throughout the city and developing a program  
13 of maintenance and restoration for all public art; and

14 WHEREAS, A variety of events have been planned in celebration  
15 of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city; therefore  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
18 congratulate the City of Allentown on the occasion of the 250th  
19 anniversary of its founding.