
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 517 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, PICKETT, NEILSON, KINSEY, RYAN,
HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, SACCONI, MACKENZIE, O'NEILL,
J. HARRIS, BOBACK, MURT, DUSH, SONNEY, MILLARD, BIZZARRO,
PASHINSKI, ROTHMAN, BARBIN, CALTAGIRONE, WARD, DIGIROLAMO,
ROZZI, WATSON AND GROVE, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Township of Lower
2 Paxton, Dauphin County.

3 WHEREAS, Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, was
4 originally a part of Lancaster County; and

5 WHEREAS, The area of Lower Paxton Township was originally
6 settled by German and Scotch-Irish immigrants during the
7 colonial period; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the two prevailing theories on the origin of
9 the name Paxton is that the name originated from Scottish
10 Presbyterian settlers and means "Peace Town"; and

11 WHEREAS, The other prevailing theory on the origin of the
12 name Paxton is that the name derived from Susquehannock the word
13 "Peshtank," which means, roughly, "Place where the water stands
14 still"; and

15 WHEREAS, Paxton Township was established in 1729; and

16 WHEREAS, Paxton Township was slowly divided into several

1 townships beginning in 1736; and

2 WHEREAS, Lower Paxton Township was established in 1767; and

3 WHEREAS, The Town of St. Thomas, a village named after its
4 founder Thomas Lingle, was established in 1765; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon the death of Thomas Lingle in 1811, the name of
6 the Town of St. Thomas was unofficially changed to Linglestown;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The villages of Paxtonia and Colonial Park were
9 established in the 20th century; and

10 WHEREAS, Residents played major roles during the French and
11 Indian War and the Revolutionary War, with Forts Gilchrist,
12 Patton, Barnett and Berryhill located in Lower Paxton Township;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Linglestown Road became a major road for settlers
15 traveling to Fort Hunter and other major areas; and

16 WHEREAS, The Linglestown Church of God was organized in
17 Linglestown by Reverend John Winebrenner as the first
18 congregation of this denomination; and

19 WHEREAS, The Harrisburg Chapter of the Daughters of the
20 American Revolution erected a tablet on Newside Road in 1924
21 marking the site of the Newside Church Yard and memorializing
22 Captain Joseph Sherer, and Reverend John Roan and the pioneers
23 and men from Lower Paxton Township who served their country; and

24 WHEREAS, Lower Paxton Township faced a significant
25 population increase after World War II, with the population
26 rising from 4,157 in 1940 to more than 47,000 in 2010; therefore
27 be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 250th anniversary of Lower Paxton Township.