

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 448 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY HAHN, KOTIK, CALTAGIRONE, MURT, THOMAS, READSHAW, COHEN, HICKERNELL, QUIGLEY, WHEELAND, MACKENZIE, BAKER, BIZZARRO, KNOWLES, VEREB, SCHLOSSBERG, DIGIROLAMO, WATSON, SAMUELSON, KIRKLAND, D. COSTA, HEFFLEY, KINSEY, WARD, MILLARD, FREEMAN, DUSH, SONNEY, HARHART, PEIFER, MAHONEY, PICKETT, BENNINGHOFF, YOUNGBLOOD, MARSICO, MAJOR, O'NEILL, FARINA, ROSS, A. HARRIS, PAYNE AND BISHOP, AUGUST 21, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Chapman Borough, Northampton County, on the
2 occasion of its 150th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Chapman Borough, Northampton County, was
4 incorporated on October 25, 1865; and

5 WHEREAS, Chapman Borough is named after William Chapman, an
6 immigrant born in 1816 on the plains of Waterloo, Mt. Tonenshau,
7 France, to English parents from Cornwall County, England; and

8 WHEREAS, William Chapman was raised in Cornwall and worked in
9 slate quarries there; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1842, Chapman arrived in Pennsylvania and
11 purchased land in Northampton County that he developed into
12 slate quarries during the 1850s; and

13 WHEREAS, He formed the Chapman Slate Company and as the
14 company expanded, the surrounding land became a classic company
15 town in which the quarry employees lived in company-owned homes

1 and bought goods at a company-owned store; and

2 WHEREAS, At the height of its growth during the beginning of
3 the 20th century, Chapman Borough had a population of 700
4 inhabitants; and

5 WHEREAS, The slate from the Chapman Quarries was of a
6 superior quality and was used as roof material on many public
7 buildings, depots, churches and private residences across the
8 country, including the State Capitols of New York and
9 Connecticut and the Grand Central Depot and the Metropolitan
10 Museum of Art in New York City; and

11 WHEREAS, The Chapman Slate Quarries closed in 1959, but many
12 of the homes formerly occupied by employees of the quarries
13 exist and are currently owned by descendants of those employees;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
16 Chapman Borough, Northampton County, on the occasion of its
17 150th anniversary.