
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 476 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, PICKETT, NEILSON, KINSEY, RYAN,
HENNESSEY, SACCONI, MACKENZIE, O'NEILL, J. HARRIS, BOBACK,
MURT, SONNEY, DUSH, MILLARD, BIZZARRO, PASHINSKI, HICKERNELL,
CALTAGIRONE, WARD AND DIGIROLAMO, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 175th anniversary of South Hanover Township,
2 Dauphin County.

3 WHEREAS, South Hanover, Dauphin County, was originally a part
4 of Lancaster County; and

5 WHEREAS, The area known as South Hanover was part of a large
6 portion of land in William Penn's "Holy Experiment" in this
7 Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, During a session of the Lancaster County Court in
9 1736-1737, Hanover Township was established; and

10 WHEREAS, Hanover Township was split into two separate
11 townships in 1785, East Hanover Township and West Hanover
12 Township; and

13 WHEREAS, East Hanover Township was placed into Lebanon County
14 and West Hanover Township was placed into newly formed Dauphin
15 County in 1813; and

16 WHEREAS, South Hanover Township, which was comprised of 11.3

1 square miles, was established on March 4, 1842, after West
2 Hanover Township was divided into East and South Hanover
3 Townships; and

4 WHEREAS, Unionford, a town containing a fort and six
5 outposts, was the principal settlement in South Hanover Township
6 from 1750-1791; and

7 WHEREAS, The community of Hoernerstown was established from
8 land owned by Major John Hoerner, who named it after his father,
9 Andrew Hoerner; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1845, the Village of Union Deposit was formed by
11 Philip Wolfsberger and Issac Hershey; and

12 WHEREAS, The community of Sand Beach was formed in the
13 eastern part of the township and included a sawmill, grist mill,
14 cabinet shop, store and schoolhouse; and

15 WHEREAS, Sand Beach is known for a 220-foot covered bridge
16 built in 1906 that crossed Swatara Creek between Derry Township
17 and South Hanover Township; and

18 WHEREAS, The bridge in Sand Beach, restored by Hershey
19 Enterprises in 1964, burned the night of September 3, 1966; and

20 WHEREAS, A canal along Swatara Creek was central to the
21 growth and early commercial success of South Hanover Township;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Vast sections of South Hanover Township remain
24 primarily agricultural; and

25 WHEREAS, Structures of thriving and rich architectural
26 character are scattered throughout South Hanover Township; and

27 WHEREAS, South Hanover Township has grown and prospered since
28 it was established in 1842; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
30 175th anniversary of South Hanover Township, Dauphin County.