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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 915 Session of  
2014

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MARSICO, KULA, YOUNGBLOOD, CLYMER AND MURT, JUNE 23, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 23, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the important history of commercial development in  
2 Forest City, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the borough's  
3 150th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The Borough of Forest City was founded by William J.  
5 Pentecost in 1864; and

6 WHEREAS, This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Borough  
7 of Forest City; and

8 WHEREAS, Forest City embodies a rich history and proud  
9 heritage of commercial and economic development; and

10 WHEREAS, Coal discoveries in the 19th century led Forest City  
11 to be referred to as "The Gateway to the Anthracite Valley"; and

12 WHEREAS, Textiles, dressmaking and shoemaking were critical  
13 to the 20th century economy of Forest City; and

14 WHEREAS, Forest City has successfully transitioned from a  
15 19th and 20th century industrial economy to a 21st century  
16 service economy; and

1       WHEREAS, As a testament to this successful transition, former  
2 industrial properties have been repurposed to continue to serve  
3 Forest City's economic development; and

4       WHEREAS, Jerry's Sports Center, the largest sporting goods  
5 wholesaler in the East, and Karti Sales Company, a manufacturer  
6 and provider of shower curtains and bath accessories, serve as  
7 leading examples of the opportunities available for business  
8 development in Forest City; and

9       WHEREAS, The 30-acre Vision 2000 Industrial Park in Forest  
10 City serves as a hub for future investment, offering developers  
11 shovel-ready prepared lots with full utility service; and

12       WHEREAS, The Vision 2000 Industrial Park serves as a Keystone  
13 Opportunity Zone and an Enterprise Zone, offering attractive tax  
14 benefits for businesses looking to establish a presence in  
15 northeast Pennsylvania; and

16       WHEREAS, Forest City will continue to build upon its rich  
17 150-year history of successful commercial development; therefore  
18 be it

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
20 important contributions Forest City continues to make to the  
21 Pennsylvania economy 150 years after its establishment in 1864.