
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 159 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY SMITH, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE,
ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BREWSTER AND HUGHES, JUNE 11, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Borough of Ben Avon Heights on its 100th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Borough of Ben Avon Heights is situated on a
4 hill above the Ohio River just nine miles from the City of
5 Pittsburgh; and

6 WHEREAS, The original land belonged to the farms of Samuel
7 Taylor and John Wilson; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1906, Walter P. Fraser of Ben Avon bought 84
9 acres on the former Taylor farm and used 40 of the acres to
10 build the Ben Avon Country Club and the remaining property for
11 residential development that attracted Pittsburghers interested
12 in summer homes in the rural area; and

13 WHEREAS, By 1913, the development progressed to the point
14 that residents decided to incorporate; and

15 WHEREAS, The Ben Avon Country Club closed in 1917 and the
16 golf course property was divided into housing lots; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1920, Shannopin Country Club opened with its
18 clubhouse in the borough and the golf course in Kilbuck Township

1 and it remains the only commercial property in Ben Avon Heights;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The current borough boundaries were set in 1936 when
4 the borough annexed a portion of the John Wilson Farm adjacent
5 to the borough on which John I. Thompson had built several
6 houses; and

7 WHEREAS, The borough now contains 148 homes, a community park
8 and the Shannopin clubhouse in its almost two-tenths of a square
9 mile area; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 21 through 23, 2013, Ben Avon Heights is
11 celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding with several
12 community events, including a golf outing, family picnic and
13 architectural tours of the community; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Borough of Ben Avon
15 Heights on its 100th anniversary and join in the celebration of
16 the borough's centennial with the residents of the community.