

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Borough of Myerstown.

2 WHEREAS, The original name of Myerstown as it appeared on
3 historical maps was Tulpehocken Town; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1768, Isaac Meier laid out the streets of the
5 town on his farmland north of his homestead, which still exists
6 on South College Street in Myerstown; and

7 WHEREAS, While dining at the former Buch Tavern at 40 West
8 Main Avenue in Myerstown, Isaac Meier was mortally shot through
9 the window on July 14, 1770, and succumbed to the wound the
10 following day at his homestead at 524 South College Street in
11 Myerstown; and

12 WHEREAS, After his death, William Penn's grandson, the
13 Honorable John Penn, Esq., the Lieutenant Governor and Commander
14 in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, offered a reward of
15 one hundred pounds for the capture and prosecution of the
16 murderer; and

17 WHEREAS, After Isaac Meier's death, the local citizenry began

1 referring to the area as Meier-Town and later Myerstown; and
2 WHEREAS, Myerstown was in Lebanon Township, Lancaster County,
3 until 1785 when Dauphin County was created; and
4 WHEREAS, At that time, it was redesignated Heidelberg
5 Township; and
6 WHEREAS, In 1813, Myerstown became part of Lebanon County,
7 which was formed from Dauphin County; and
8 WHEREAS, In 1813, the northern part of Heidelberg Township
9 was designated Jackson Township, which now surrounds Myerstown
10 on all sides; and
11 WHEREAS, The original Native American path that has become
12 known as Main Avenue in Myerstown was developed into the Berks
13 and Dauphin Turnpike which was completed in 1817 as a toll road
14 of 53 miles from Harrisburg to Reading; and
15 WHEREAS, The Union Canal ran through the southern part of
16 Myerstown, opening in 1828; and
17 WHEREAS, President George Washington passed through Myerstown
18 inspecting the construction of the locks on the original canal
19 on October 2, 1793; and
20 WHEREAS, The Union Canal helped Myerstown to flourish, and
21 many factories, hotels and stores were opened in its vicinity;
22 and
23 WHEREAS, In the 1850s, the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad
24 constructed rail lines along the southern border of Myerstown,
25 which brought additional prosperity to the borough; and
26 WHEREAS, On February 5, 1912, one square mile of land in
27 Jackson Township was officially incorporated into the Borough of
28 Myerstown; and
29 WHEREAS, Today, Myerstown's rich history and friendly
30 residents make the borough a quintessential Pennsylvania small

1 town; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
3 250th anniversary of the Borough of Myerstown.