



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 6, 2015

Bellefonte Town Commission
901A Rosedale Avenue
Bellefonte, DE 19809

Dear Friends:

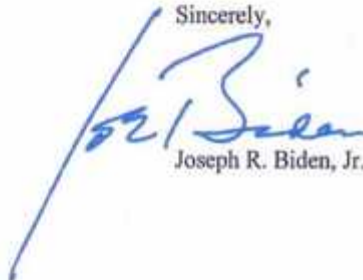
Congratulations on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Bellefonte. This is a truly significant milestone.

As you know, America's cities and towns play a defining role in our government. Founded on the principle of serving our common man, our Nation's government is perfectly embodied through the commitment of these cities and towns to serving their residents.

Bellefonte has made significant progress and seen periods of great change in our Nation's history—yet it has maintained its small town charm and sense of community. You know better than anyone that this is because of the unique pride its residents share in the community—a pride that will continue to strengthen the town in the years to come.

Again, congratulations on celebrating your Centennial Year. I wish you all the best in the many years ahead.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.



JOHN C. CARNEY
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

STATE OF DELAWARE

March 9, 2015

The Honorable Scott MacKenzie
President, Bellefonte Town Commission
901A Rosedale Avenue
Bellefonte, DE 19809-2652

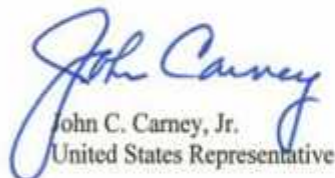
Dear President MacKenzie & Residents of Bellefonte,

Congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Bellefonte. This is a tremendous milestone for the people of Bellefonte and you should be extremely proud of your great community. For ten decades, your town has become an indelible part of Delaware and I'm honored to join in recognizing this important anniversary for Bellefonte.

On this day a century ago, the Delaware State Assembly passed a petition to incorporate the Town of Bellefonte. From that moment on, the residents of this town have built a close knit and lasting community. Bellefonte has distinguished itself by self-governance and a strong commitment to working together. Those are the values that have allowed your town to grow and thrive over these many years. I am grateful that Bellefonte has become such an outstanding community in Delaware.

Once again, congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Bellefonte. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for your community and our state.

Sincerely,


John C. Carney, Jr.
United States Representative

Congratulations!





RESOLUTION NO. 15-052

**CELEBRATING THE TOWN OF BELLEFONTE'S
CENTENNIAL AS AN INCORPORATED TOWN**

WHEREAS, the town of Bellefonte was granted incorporation by the Delaware State Legislators on the 9th day of March, 1915 and is celebrating its centennial on the 9th day of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bellefonte was also known as Montrose fifteen years prior to the town being renamed to Bellefonte after its incorporation, consisting of sixteen houses and two general stores; and

WHEREAS, Bellefonte was a popular commuting stop for the people of the Brandywine Hundred area with the Darby cars that ran from Darby, Pennsylvania to Wilmington every hour. The fare was five cents for a round trip ticket; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the Bellefonte Church United and the Hillcrest M.E. Church sold its property to the Town Commissioners for a Town Hall building; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1924, the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company No. 1 was organized and became the primary fire company for the area. Prior to the development of the new fire company, citizens gathered together to buy a few trucks and hoses and would volunteer to fight the many chimney and grass fires. One hundred people attended the organizing meeting and donated one dollar each to raise one hundred dollars towards their new fire company; and

WHEREAS, over the past one hundred years, Bellefonte continues to grow and change with the times. Starting with a population of two hundred and thirty seven in 1915 to one thousand one hundred seventy five in 2015 and growing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby honors and congratulates the citizens of the Town of Bellefonte on its centennial.



John J. Cartier, Councilman
New Castle County 8th District

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February 24, 2015

Bellefonte Town Commission
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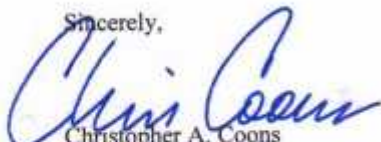
It is a great privilege - and a real joy - for me to acknowledge the Town of Bellefonte, Delaware on their 100-year anniversary. I am proud to represent a town with such a longstanding history of quality of living.

Through the years the Town of Bellefonte has been an asset to the state of Delaware. From 1910, when the town only consisted of sixteen houses, to 1924 when the Brandywine Fire Company was duly organized, the town of Bellefonte experienced tremendous growth.

Through relentless commitment, passion, and unwavering dedication, the Town of Bellefonte has long stood as a place that maintains citizen's safety and provides positive institutions for its residents. It is my hope that the celebration will be a reflection of the century of hard work and dedication to the Town of Bellefonte.

Congratulations to all officers and residents, past and present, for contributing to the making of an exceptional town. I wish you much success in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

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PROCLAMATION

Office of the County Executive of New Castle County

Be it hereby known to all that
The Honorable Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle County Executive,
issues this proclamation in honor of

The Town of Bellefonte's 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly granted incorporation to the esteemed Town of Bellefonte on the 9th day of March, 1915; and

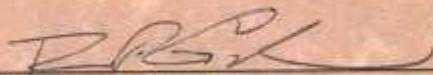
WHEREAS, the Town of Bellefonte celebrates its centennial on this day, the 9th of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this year 2015, brings with it many opportunities as well as any challenges the Town of Bellefonte's residents and its distinguished Town Commission stand ready to meet as a strong municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bellefonte is the proud home of the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company, the main fire company for Brandywine Hundred, and serving beyond, when needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Gordon, County Executive of New Castle County, do hereby proclaim that New Castle County Government recognizes the important date of the 9th of March, 2015, as the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Bellefonte, and I commend the Town of Bellefonte for its beautiful celebration on this night.

Presented on this 9th day of March, 2015
by order of the County Executive on New Castle.


Thomas P. Gordon
New Castle County Executive

No.0088



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tribute

Be it hereby known to all that
the House of Representatives acknowledges

THE TOWN OF BELLEFONTE

100th Anniversary

*We join with the citizens of Bellefonte in celebrating this special anniversary.
The town was originally known as Montrose when it was established in the early 1900s.
In January 1915, the town commissioners applied to the State Legislature
for an Act to Incorporate the Town of Bellefonte.
It was passed by the legislature and signed by the commissioners on March 9, 1915.*

The House of Representatives extends its sincere
congratulations and directs this tribute be presented on
this 9th day of March 2015.




Peter C. Schwartzkopf, Speaker of the House


Richard L. Puffer, Chief Clerk of the House


Representative Debra F. Heffernan, Sponsor

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SENATE TRIBUTE

The entire Senate of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware
joins Senator Harris B. McDowell, III, Sponsor, in paying tribute to

THE TOWN OF BELLEFONTE

As It Marks

THE CENTENNIAL OF ITS INCORPORATION
ON THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 1915



THE SENATE JOINS THE CITIZENS OF BELLEFONTE in recognizing this important milestone in the town's history. First established as an unincorporated community known as Montrose, it was a collection of three sub-divisions, Montrose, Montrose Terrace and Montrose Terrace Addition. In 1910, the community consisted of 16 homes, two of which were located on farms and two more of which had small stores on the premises. The roads were dirt and most of the transportation was provided by horse-drawn conveyances of various types, with interurban trolley service,

known as the "Darby cars," between Darby, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington, which ran through the center of the town and stopped every hour. By January, 1915, the new town had grown to the point where the town commissioners applied to the Delaware General Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, which was duly enacted. The Act of Incorporation was signed by the town commissioners on the Ninth Day of March, 1915. The Senate honors the Town of Bellefonte and all its citizens, past and present, on this great occasion and extends the hope that Bellefonte will continue to thrive for many more years. The Senate directs that this tribute be presented to the Town of Bellefonte on this Ninth Day of March, 2015.



Patricia M. Blue

SENATOR PATRICIA M. BLUE, *President Pro Tempore*

Bernard J. Brady

BERNARD J. BRADY, *Secretary of the Senate*

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SENATOR HARRIS B. McDOWELL, III, *Sponsor*

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115TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION

FROM THE SENATE RECORD

March 9, 2015

Mr. COONS: Mr. President, today I recognize the centennial anniversary for the town of Bellefonte, Delaware.

One hundred years ago, on March 9th, 1915, a small town located in New Castle County along the Delaware River gained its charter, and was incorporated by the Delaware State Legislature.

Previously known as Montrose, the tightly woven community was originally made up of sixteen homes. Residents of Bellefonte worked as farmers, as skilled laborers, and owned a handful of home-based businesses.

Bellefonte served, and continues to serve, the greater Delaware community by connecting Darby, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware.

As travelers entered the region by horse and wagon in the early 1900's, they would

often leave belongings too large to carry onto the Darby cars with local shop owners. These items would later be delivered to patrons by horse and wagon, along with instrumental necessities, like milk, eggs, bread, coal, and ice.

By 1919, thanks to a collective community effort, the Bellefonte M.E. Church was built on the corner of Rose-dale and Marion Avenues. That building would later be sold to the Town Commissioners and become the location of the Bellefonte Town Hall - a building that remains standing proudly today.

The community has withstood the test of time through the dedication of its citizens. From the fearless volunteers who fought fires in 1924 during the early days of the Brandywine Fire

Company; to the stoic women who took the reins in the early 1940s when countless men went overseas to fight in World War II, community is the corner stone of this great American small town.

Today, Bellefonte lives on and flourishes with quaint vintage shops, comfortable cafés, and a farmers market that comes to life with an abundance of fresh produce every summer.

A historic town, a town rich with diverse ideas, Bellefonte has been critical to the fabric of Delaware, and remains an iconic landmark in New Castle County.

Although it has grown tremendously over the last one hundred years, Bellefonte maintains its small town feel and community principles, and will continue to instill those values in Delawareans of tomorrow.

Chris Coons