

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, BELFANTI, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, COSTA, CREIGHTON, DePASQUALE, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GERBER, GIBBONS, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERSHEY, JAMES, KIRKLAND, MANDERINO, MANN, MANTZ, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MUNDY, MYERS, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PETRI, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STABACK, STURLA, THOMAS, WANSACZ, WATERS, YOUNGBLOOD, SONNEY AND BENNINGHOFF, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 9, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Extending heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach Tony Dungy and
2 Head Coach Lovie Smith for being the first African-American
3 head coaches to compete in the Super Bowl.

4 WHEREAS, There were only 14 African-American assistant
5 coaches in the National Football League (NFL) in 1980; and

6 WHEREAS, Art Shell became the NFL's first African-American
7 head coach in 1989 as the coach of the Los Angeles Raiders; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2006 the NFL had a record seven African-American
9 head coaches as well as seven assistant coaches; and

10 WHEREAS, Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts (American
11 Football Conference) and Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears
12 (National Football Conference) have become the first two
13 African-American head coaches to lead their respective teams to
14 conference title championships in the same season; and

1 WHEREAS, People of all races and cultures are celebrating
2 this breaking of barriers in February 2007 during Super Bowl
3 XLI; and

4 WHEREAS, Super Bowl XLI is recognized not just as a contest
5 of athletic ability, but as a unique opportunity for this
6 historic milestone; and

7 WHEREAS, Super Bowl XLI reflected the progress and history of
8 our country and our Commonwealth as we witnessed the first two
9 African-American head coaches participate in the nation's
10 largest single sporting event; and

11 WHEREAS, Head Coach Tony Dungy and Head Coach Lovie Smith
12 have paved the way for minorities everywhere through their
13 leadership during Super Bowl XLI, which forever honors the
14 organizations of the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend heartfelt congratulations to
18 Head Coaches Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith for being the first
19 African-American head coaches to compete in the Super Bowl.