

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 303 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY EACHUS, McCALL, COHEN, BELFANTI, HENNESSEY, QUINN, GIBBONS, HELM, READSHAW, PALLONE, GINGRICH, SANTONI, BEYER, GEORGE, ROSS, PAYNE, GRUCELA, SIPTROTH, MANN, KULA, YUDICHAK, WHITE, DONATUCCI, GOODMAN, FLECK, GEIST, GODSHALL, SCAVELLO, VULAKOVICH, STURLA, MURPHY, KOTIK, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, HARHART, VEREB, MILLARD, MUNDY, DERMODY, MARSICO, ROHRER, PYLE, DALEY, MICOZZIE, GROVE, HICKERNELL, PARKER, MAHONEY, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, ADOLPH, DALLY, WATERS, BENNINGHOFF, GILLESPIE, MURT AND BROWN, MAY 8, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 8, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the achievements of Tampa Bay Rays manager and Hazleton
2 native, Joe Maddon.

3 WHEREAS, Joe Maddon, the fourth manager in the history of the
4 Tampa Bay Rays organization and in his third season at the helm
5 of the Tampa Bay Rays, won Major League Baseball's 2008 American
6 League Manager of the Year Award; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite a payroll that ranked 29th out of 30 Major
8 League Baseball teams, Mr. Maddon led the Tampa Bay Rays to
9 their first winning season, an American League Championship and
10 a World Series appearance in 2008, one season after having the
11 worst record in Major League Baseball; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Hazleton, Mr. Maddon was born February
13 8, 1954, and attended Hazleton High School where he played

1 baseball and football; and

2 WHEREAS, The baseball field at his high school alma mater is
3 adorned with his name, "Joe Maddon Field"; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddon attended Lafayette College in Easton,
5 graduating in 1976; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddon played three years of varsity baseball
7 where he was recruited by Lafayette College as a shortstop and
8 pitcher, but voluntarily switched to catcher mid-way through the
9 season despite his lack of experience in that position; and

10 WHEREAS, While at Lafayette College, Mr. Maddon also played
11 one year of freshman football as a quarterback, and in his final
12 game he completed 14 of 17 passes and threw for four touchdowns
13 in a win over rival Lehigh University; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddon still has significant ties to the
15 Hazleton area as his mother, Albina "Beanie" Maddon, is a
16 waitress at the Third Base Dugout restaurant, where she has
17 worked for nearly 50 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddon got his start as a manager in the minor
19 leagues with Idaho Falls in 1981 and earned the Northwest League
20 Manager of the Year Award the following season when he guided
21 the Salem Angels to the league championship; and

22 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Tampa Bay Rays, Mr. Maddon
23 spent all 31 years of his professional baseball career in the
24 California/Anaheim Angels organization, including the last 12
25 years on the team's Major League Baseball staff; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddon served as the Angels' bench coach for
27 most of the past ten seasons of his tenure in California,
28 including the six years under manager Mike Scioscia while the
29 team went 520-452, going to the postseason in 2002, 2004 and
30 2005 and winning a World Championship in 2002; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay tribute to
2 Tampa Bay Rays manager and Hazleton native, Joe Maddon, for
3 being selected as Major League Baseball's 2008 American League
4 Manager of the Year, commend his dedication to the sport of
5 baseball and his sustained ties to the Hazelton community and
6 offer best wishes for success in all future endeavors; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 Joe Maddon.