

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the historic impact and tremendous accomplishments  
2 of the 1925 Pottsville Maroons football team, appreciating  
3 the significant advancements and innovations made by the team  
4 in the early years of the National Football League and  
5 designating the month of December 2009 as "Pottsville Maroons  
6 Month" in Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, The Pottsville Maroons were universally regarded as  
8 the best football team in the world in 1925 following a National  
9 Football League (NFL) record of 10-2 and the defeat of a team of  
10 University of Notre Dame All Stars, which included the famed  
11 Four Horsemen; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pottsville Maroons were NFL innovators who  
13 helped legitimize the league and turned this Commonwealth into a  
14 true football powerhouse; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pottsville Maroons were denied their legacy as  
16 one of the greatest and most pioneering football teams in  
17 history; and

18 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth stands behind the Pottsville

1 Maroons as a symbol of the rich history of coal region football  
2 with incredible men who, through acts of selflessness,  
3 galvanized the concept of team for the upstart NFL, as well as  
4 generations of great teams that followed; and

5 WHEREAS, The cause of the Pottsville Maroons has gained  
6 renewed momentum and a national voice on the recent publication  
7 of the book *Breaker Boys: The NFL's Greatest Team and the Stolen*  
8 *1925 Championship* by David Fleming; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
10 historic impact and tremendous accomplishments of the 1925  
11 Pottsville Maroons football team and appreciate the significant  
12 advancements and innovations made by the team in the early years  
13 of the National Football League; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
15 month of December 2009 as "Pottsville Maroons Month" in  
16 Pennsylvania.