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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, APRIL 22, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting placement of a statue of legendary University of
 2 Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Eagles center and linebacker
 3 Chuck Bednarik at the Philadelphia Sports Complex.

4 WHEREAS, Charles Philip (Chuck) Bednarik, a Bethlehem native
 5 and resident of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, was a standout as an
 6 offensive and defensive collegiate and professional football
 7 player; and

8 WHEREAS, A decorated World War II veteran, Mr. Bednarik
 9 became one of the nation's top college football players with the
 10 Penn Quakers following his discharge from the United States Air
 11 Force; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bednarik was a three-time all-American and was
 13 elected to the College Football Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Bednarik received further recognition as the
2 nation's most outstanding college football player upon his
3 selection as 1948 Maxwell Award honoree; and

4 WHEREAS, In his professional football career, Mr. Bednarik
5 was one of only 13 players in National Football League (NFL)
6 draft history who were chosen as first-overall pick and who went
7 on to enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, Beginning his 14-season career with the Philadelphia
9 Eagles as first-overall pick of the 1949 draft, Mr. Bednarik
10 extended the team's era of league domination by frequently
11 playing both offense and defense; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1950, Mr. Bednarik received All-NFL recognition
13 as center; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1951 through 1957, and again in 1960, Mr.
15 Bednarik was named to the All-NFL roster as linebacker; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bednarik appeared in a record eight Pro Bowls
17 and was named most valuable player of the 1954 Pro Bowl; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1967, his first year of eligibility, Mr. Bednarik
19 was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bednarik was named in 1969 to the NFL All-Decade
21 Team for the 1950s, in 1987 to the Eagles Honor Roll and in 1994
22 to the NFL 75th Anniversary All-Time Team; and

23 WHEREAS, Since 1995, the Chuck Bednarik Award has been
24 presented annually to the best defensive collegiate football
25 player as selected by the Maxwell Football Club; and

26 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Eagles franchise has retired Mr.
27 Bednarik's jersey number 60; and

28 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives applaud Mr. Bednarik's
29 unique talents and achievements; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support placement

1 of a statue of legendary University of Pennsylvania and
2 Philadelphia Eagles center and linebacker Chuck Bednarik at the
3 Philadelphia Sports Complex.