

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 979 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY P. COSTA, DEASY, GERGELY, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHER, MARKOSEK, MATZIE, READSHAW, M. SMITH, WAGNER, BEYER, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CHRISTIANA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, ELLIS, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, KILLION, KULA, MAJOR, MANN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, PYLE, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, STEVENSON, TALLMAN AND R. TAYLOR, OCTOBER 4, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 4, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dick Groat on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of
2 being named the 1960 Most Valuable Player for the National
3 League, as a member of the 1960 World Champion Pittsburgh
4 Pirates Baseball Team.

5 WHEREAS, Richard "Dick" Morrow Groat, born November 4, 1930,
6 in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, is a former two-sport athlete who
7 graduated from Duke University, where he had been an All-
8 American in baseball as well as basketball. In 1952, as a Duke
9 basketball player, he was the National Player of the Year after
10 averaging 26.0 points and 7.6 assists as a senior. His 831
11 points in his junior season remain the standard for single-
12 season points by a Duke Blue Devil; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Groat is best known as a shortstop in Major
14 League Baseball. He played for four National League teams, the
15 Pittsburgh Pirates, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Philadelphia

1 Phillies and the San Francisco Giants; and

2 WHEREAS, Dick Groat was named the 1960 Most Valuable Player
3 after winning the batting title with a .325 average for the
4 champion Pittsburgh Pirates. From 1956 to 1962 he teamed with
5 second baseman Bill Mazeroski to give Pittsburgh one of the
6 game's strongest middle infields; and

7 WHEREAS, He led the National League in double plays a record
8 five times, in putouts four times and in assists twice; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Groat currently resides in Edgewood,
10 Pennsylvania, and remains active by operating his golf course
11 and in his position as the color commentator for the University
12 of Pittsburgh Panther Basketball radio network; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Dick Groat
14 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of being named the 1960
15 Most Valuable Player while playing with the world champion
16 Pittsburgh Pirates.