

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 289 Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 11, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging The Pennsylvania State University to appropriately  
 2 recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of football coach  
 3 Joseph Vincent "Joe" Paterno, affectionately known by fans as  
 4 "Joe Pa," for his 62 years of service to The Pennsylvania  
 5 State University students and athletes and to the  
 6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and recognizing September 3,  
 7 2011, as "Coach Paterno Day" in Pennsylvania.

8 WHEREAS, Joseph Vincent Paterno, as coach of The Pennsylvania  
 9 State University football team, holds the record for the most  
 10 wins by a college football coach; and

11 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2010, Coach Paterno achieved his  
 12 400th career win; and

13 WHEREAS, Only two other individuals have reached this

1 milestone in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)  
2 football; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno's career has been based on the  
4 football philosophy of sound fundamentals, with an emphasis on  
5 defense and team discipline; and

6 WHEREAS, This philosophy has led to outstanding achievements,  
7 including 37 shutouts, 36 bowl game appearances, 24 bowl game  
8 victories, 21 seasons with at least ten victories, 23 seasons  
9 with a ranking in the top ten, seven seasons with a first-place  
10 ranking, five perfect seasons and two national championships;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno has been inducted into the College  
13 Football Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno has emphasized high academic  
15 expectations and a commitment to the individual educational  
16 success of his players that ensure each athlete is a student  
17 first; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno has achieved an NCAA graduation  
19 success rate that is routinely among the highest in the nation;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno has tirelessly worked to improve The  
22 Pennsylvania State University, including efforts to provide  
23 students with access to a premier library system; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Paterno has worked to bring The Pennsylvania  
25 State University and this Commonwealth to the forefront of  
26 competition on academic and athletic fronts; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate  
28 Joseph Vincent "Joe" Paterno and encourage The Pennsylvania  
29 State University to appropriately recognize, and commensurate  
30 with the recognition provided to football coaches who have

1 served with similar distinguished records, the efforts and  
2 accomplishments of Coach Paterno; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That, as the Penn State Nittany Lions Football Team  
4 begins its 2011 season, September 3, 2011, be recognized as  
5 "Coach Paterno Day" in this Commonwealth; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 the Athletic Department of The Pennsylvania State University.