

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 318 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EARLL, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, PICCOLA, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, YAW AND YUDICHAK, MAY 22, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Hines Ward for his distinguished career in the National
2 Football League as a wide receiver for the Pittsburgh
3 Steelers and his outstanding contributions to society as a
4 representative of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the City of
5 Pittsburgh and this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, Hines Ward was born March 8, 1976, in Seoul, South
7 Korea; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward played college football at the University
9 of Georgia and, during his time there, he played wide receiver,
10 tailback and quarterback; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward was selected as a third-round draft choice
12 in the 1998 National Football League draft by the Pittsburgh
13 Steelers; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward played his entire professional football
15 career, which spanned 14 years, with the Pittsburgh Steelers;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, During his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Mr.
2 Ward led the team in at least one statistic each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has earned three team Most Valuable Player
4 selections, appeared in four Pro Bowls and broken many
5 Pittsburgh Steelers' team records, including most all-time
6 receptions, most receptions in a single season and most
7 consecutive seasons with 1,000 receiving yards; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward is the only member of the Pittsburgh
9 Steelers and is only the eighth receiver in National Football
10 League history to have 1,000 catches in his career; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward is also only the second player to reach
12 1,000 career receptions and win multiple Super Bowls; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward led the Pittsburgh Steelers to the Super
14 Bowl three times in his career and is a two-time Super Bowl
15 Champion; and

16 WHEREAS, In Super Bowl XL, Mr. Ward was named Most Valuable
17 Player due to his outstanding performance in the Pittsburgh
18 Steelers' 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward retired from the National Football League
20 after an amazing professional career on March 20, 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has also been a leader off the field,
22 dedicating his time to helping to improve the lives of
23 underprivileged youth in the Pittsburgh and Atlanta, Georgia,
24 areas through his Helping Hands U.S. Foundation; and

25 WHEREAS, Helping Hands U.S. Foundation focuses on improving
26 literacy among children and provides programs and services to
27 better equip children for achieving success in life; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward also continues to work in his home country
29 of South Korea through his Hines Ward Helping Hands Korea
30 Foundation which is aimed at ending biracial discrimination; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has been appointed as the Goodwill
2 Ambassador to South Korea by the Korean Ministry of Foreign
3 Affairs and Trade; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has also assisted with many other
5 charitable organizations, including the Highmark Caring
6 Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Salvation Army, Make-A-
7 Wish Foundation and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has been recognized for his many
9 contributions which have impacted the lives of children when he
10 was named the 2008 Walter Payton Man of the Year; therefore be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Hines Ward for his
13 distinguished career in the National Football League as a wide
14 receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers and his outstanding
15 contributions to society as a representative of the Pittsburgh
16 Steelers, the City of Pittsburgh and this Commonwealth.