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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CLYMER, DONATUCCI, GALLOWAY, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GRUCELA,  
HERSHEY, HORNAMAN, JAMES, MANTZ, McCALL, MELIO, NAILOR,  
PALLONE, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH,  
FREEMAN, PETRONE, K. SMITH, STURLA, WANSACZ, YOUNGBLOOD,  
MENSCH, MOYER, RAMALEY AND J. WHITE, DECEMBER 10, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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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 strongly encouraging the National Football League to  
6 reexamine its awarding of the 1925 National Football League  
7 Championship.

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

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

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

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

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

10      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
11 historic impact and tremendous accomplishments of the 1925  
12 Pottsville Maroons football team, appreciate the significant  
13 advancements and innovations made by the team in the early years  
14 of the National Football League and strongly encourage the  
15 National Football League to reexamine its awarding of the 1925  
16 National Football League Championship.