

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 55 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BEYER, MANN, BRENNAN, SAMUELSON, ADOLPH, BEAR, BOYD, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DAY, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MCCALL, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, PALLONE, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PRESTON, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD AND SOLOBAY, MARCH 17, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 17, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Allentown Patriots Athletic Association for more
2 than 60 years of dedicated community service.

3 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2008, the Allentown Patriots Athletic
4 Association commemorated the 60th anniversary of its charter;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The first team was formed in 1940 by the Patriot
7 Order Sons of America, a fraternal organization that became
8 keenly interested in the game of softball; and

9 WHEREAS, From this humble beginning arose an athletic
10 association that has sponsored 14 teams annually, built a sports
11 community building and a park and offered 450 athletic contests
12 in recent seasons to athletes ranging in age from "youngster" to
13 "old-timer" in both softball and hardball; and

1 WHEREAS, The association has created an acclaimed program in
2 fastpitch softball; and

3 WHEREAS, Earl F. Hunsicker Bicentennial Park, also known as
4 Pates Park, opened on August 25, 1976, primarily through the
5 efforts of the Allentown Patriots Athletic Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Pates Park now hosts all of the association's home
7 athletic events; and

8 WHEREAS, Pates Park has also hosted world-class women's
9 softball, featuring Team USA, National Pro Fastpitch and the
10 Greek Olympic Team and has hosted three national fastpitch
11 softball tournaments, in 1976, 1978 and 1984; and

12 WHEREAS, The Allentown Patriots Athletic Association is to be
13 commended for its ongoing commitment to provide opportunities
14 for youth and adults in sports and valuable lessons in teamwork,
15 leadership and responsibility; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 Allentown Patriots Athletic Association for more than 60 years
18 of dedicated community service.