
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 543 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY QUIGLEY, BIZZARRO, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE,
DIGIROLAMO, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, MARSICO, MILLARD,
MURT, NEILSON AND READSHAW, OCTOBER 3, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 90th anniversary of the "Long Count"
2 controversy.

3 WHEREAS, On September 22, 1927, the professional boxing
4 rematch between world heavyweight champion Gene Tunney and
5 former champion Jack Dempsey was held at Soldier Field in
6 Chicago, Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, This heavyweight title fight was governed by a new
8 rule that required the fighter scoring a knockdown to move to a
9 neutral corner before the 10 count would be administered; and

10 WHEREAS, In the seventh round, Dempsey knocked down Tunney
11 but the count was delayed due to Dempsey's failure to go to and
12 remain in a neutral corner; and

13 WHEREAS, With the delay, Tunney had just enough extra time to
14 get back on his feet and continue to fight; and

15 WHEREAS, Tunney went on to defeat Dempsey, leading to debate
16 as to whether the delay impacted the outcome of the fight; and

17 WHEREAS, In the fight film, a clock was superimposed that

1 recorded Tunney's time on the floor as 13 seconds from the
2 moment he fell until the moment he got up; and

3 WHEREAS, Due to the controversy over the count, the fight has
4 been referred to as the "Long Count," the "Long Count Fight" or
5 the "Battle of the Long Count"; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 90th anniversary of the "Long Count" controversy.