

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the players and coaching staff of the Bethel Park High
2 School football team for winning the 2008 Western
3 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League Class AAAA
4 Football Championship and placing second in the 2008
5 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association State Class
6 AAAA Football Championship.

7 WHEREAS, On November 22, 2008, the Bethel Park Black Hawks
8 football team became the 2008 Western Pennsylvania
9 Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Class AAAA Champions for
10 the first time in school history by defeating Gateway High
11 School by a score of 10-6 at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 13, 2008, the Black Hawks became the
13 2008 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA)
14 Class AAAA football championship runner-up for the first time in
15 school history, fighting hard and falling just short of victory,
16 as they succumbed to Bethlehem Liberty High School by a score of

1 28-21 in overtime at Hersheypark Stadium; and

2 WHEREAS, The Black Hawks football team achieved an undefeated
3 regular season for the first time since 1964, with a record of
4 13 wins and 0 losses; and

5 WHEREAS, The Black Hawks scored their first 15-win season in
6 school history, finishing the overall season with a 15-1 record;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Bethel Park football team was Section Champion
9 for the first time since 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2008 Black Hawks football team members were
11 distinguished by their exceptionally good character, emerging
12 victorious through their intelligent and spirited hard play,
13 love of the game and commitment to their teammates and coaches;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of their head coach,
16 the Black Hawks' assistant coaches and support staff served with
17 great skill and dedication and contributed significantly to the
18 success of the team; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2008 season, the team received
20 exceptional support from school officials, students, parents and
21 the community, who showed their enthusiasm by attending the
22 championship game in Hershey in great numbers; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
24 Bethel Park High School Black Hawks football team members and
25 their coaches for their victory in the 2008 Western Pennsylvania
26 Interscholastic Athletic League Class AAAA Football Championship
27 and for their competitive showing in placing second in the 2008
28 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association State Class
29 AAAA Football Championship.