

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging all interested parties to work together to assure  
2 that the Pittsburgh Penguins remain in Pittsburgh.

3 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Penguins have brought honor and  
4 recognition to the City of Pittsburgh and this Commonwealth and  
5 have enshrined their name forever on the Stanley Cup by winning  
6 consecutive championships in the 1990-1991 and 1991-1992  
7 seasons; and

8 WHEREAS, The Penguins have skated to five division titles in  
9 the Civic Arena; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1967 the Pittsburgh Penguins have provided  
11 fans worldwide with thrilling and exciting hockey action and  
12 have demonstrated the strong work ethic and character that  
13 exemplify the "City of Champions"; and

14 WHEREAS, Eight Penguins players who have graced the ice at

1 the Civic Arena have been inducted into the Professional Hockey  
2 Hall of Fame namely, the Penguin player inductees are Tim Horton  
3 (1977), Andy Bathgate (1978), Leo Boivin (1986), Mario Lemieux  
4 (1997) and Bryan Trottier (1997). The Penguin coach inductees  
5 are Red Kelly (1969), William "Scotty" Bowman (1991) and Bob  
6 Johnson (1992); and

7 WHEREAS, A corporate leader in community service, the  
8 Pittsburgh Penguins organization provides an extensive community  
9 outreach program which benefits a wide range of charitable,  
10 social service and educational programs throughout western  
11 Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, The Penguins community outreach program has enjoyed  
13 tremendous success over the years because the program is truly a  
14 "team effort" involving everyone in the organization as  
15 evidenced by:

16 (1) ownership endorsing and supporting the club's  
17 numerous community outreach efforts;

18 (2) players cautioning middle school youngsters on the  
19 dangers of substance abuse;

20 (3) the entire team helping disadvantaged youths select  
21 winter clothing during the Penguins Project Bundle-Up  
22 Shopping Day;

23 (4) the team's annual sponsorship of the Carnegie  
24 Library Summer Reading Program;

25 (5) players making their annual visit to Pittsburgh's  
26 Children's Hospital;

27 (6) fans who donate thousands of dollars and thousands  
28 of pounds of food at Penguins food drives;

29 (7) ownership, team management, players and team  
30 broadcasters appearing at the annual Penguins/USX blood

1 drive;

2 (8) the players and their wives raising over \$1.5  
3 million with the Penguins At Your Service annual dinner over  
4 the past 12 years for the fight against cystic fibrosis;

5 (9) the Penguins organization awarding 31 Continuing  
6 Education Scholarships to Pittsburgh inner-city high school  
7 seniors and seven Bob Johnson Memorial Scholarships to  
8 deserving scholar-athletes;

9 (10) the entire team hosting Make-A-Wish children and  
10 their families for a special practice session and party;

11 (11) the Penguins Wives Association raising funds for a  
12 local no-kill animal shelter;

13 (12) staff members and the Penguins Alumni Association  
14 joining forces to raise money for a hockey program comprised  
15 of physically handicapped athletes;

16 (13) a community relations staff dedicated to maximizing  
17 the team's involvement with and contributions to the  
18 Pittsburgh community;

19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Penguins provide tremendous economic benefits to  
21 the State, region, county and city through increased tourism and  
22 hospitality activity; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
24 City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, the entire Southwest  
25 Region and all interested parties to work together to assure the  
26 Pittsburgh Penguins continue their illustrious history and  
27 presence in the City of Pittsburgh.