
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to ban the practice of
2 "paid patriotism" as described in Senator John McCain's and
3 Senator Jeff Flake's Tackling Paid Patriotism, a joint
4 oversight report.

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense paid at
6 least \$6.8 million in taxpayer-funded sports marketing contracts
7 for salutes, color guards and anthems as identified in the
8 Tackling Paid Patriotism, a joint oversight report; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Pirates received \$18,000 in taxpayer
10 funds for a United States Air Force performance of the national
11 anthem and 250 game tickets for Delayed Entry Program members
12 and their families and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers received \$27,000 in taxpayer
14 funds for an on-field swearing-in ceremony for Delayed Entry
15 Program participants; and

16 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Phillies received a total of
17 \$48,085 from the United States Navy to provide game tickets and
18 concession credits; and

1 WHEREAS, The taxpayer funds paid to professional sports
2 teams, deemed "paid patriotism," could better be spent directly
3 helping our country's veterans; therefore be it
4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress
5 of the United States to ban the practice of "paid patriotism" as
6 described in Senator John McCain's and Senator Jeff Flake's
7 Tackling Paid Patriotism, a joint oversight report.