

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 11, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing with pride Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy
2 Rollins' winning of the 2007 National League Most Valuable
3 Player award, as well as his work involving African-American
4 youth in the game of baseball.

5 WHEREAS, Jimmy Rollins was named the 2007 National League
6 Most Valuable Player, finishing first place in balloting by the
7 Baseball Writers' Association of America, ahead of Colorado
8 Rockies left fielder Matt Holliday and Milwaukee Brewers first
9 baseman Prince Fielder; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins was also the recipient of the 2007 Gold
11 Glove and Silver Slugger awards; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins was instrumental in the Philadelphia
13 Phillies' winning of the 2007 National League East Division; and

1 WHEREAS, During the 2007 season, Mr. Rollins had 212 hits, 38
2 doubles, 20 triples, 30 home runs, 94 runs batted in and 41
3 stolen bases, finishing the season with a batting average of
4 .296; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins is the first player in the history of
6 baseball to have at least 200 hits, 15 triples, 25 home runs and
7 25 stolen bases in a single season; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins is the third shortstop in baseball
9 history to have at least 30 stolen bases and 30 home runs in a
10 season; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins is only the fourth player in baseball
12 history to have at least 20 stolen bases, 20 doubles, 20 triples
13 and 20 home runs in a season; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins also set league records for a shortstop
15 with 139 runs scored and 88 extra base hits; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins led the league with 63 triples and
17 multiple hit games; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins set a major league record of 716 at-
19 bats, starting for all of the Phillies' 162 games and playing in
20 nearly every inning of each game; and

21 WHEREAS, Due to his remarkable achievements on the baseball
22 field and his role as a community leader, Mr. Rollins has played
23 an integral role in revitalizing the interest in baseball among
24 African-American youths; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins is the fifth Philadelphia Phillies
26 player to receive the Most Valuable Player award, his
27 predecessors being Chuck Klein, Jim Konstanty, Mike Schmidt and
28 Ryan Howard; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize with
30 pride Jimmy Rollins' winning of the 2007 National League Most

1 Valuable Player award for his outstanding 2007 baseball season,
2 as well as his contributions to revitalizing the interest in
3 baseball among African-American youths.