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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 11, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Ed Snider and the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation for
2 offering a program to children that aims to instill life-
3 enhancing values such as teamwork, positive self-esteem, the
4 importance of hard work and respect for themselves and their
5 teammates.

6 WHEREAS, Ed Snider, with amazing dynamism and daring, single-
7 handedly convinced the National Hockey League in 1966 to locate
8 an expansion team in Philadelphia, which provided land for a new
9 arena that became known as the Spectrum; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Snider's Philadelphia Flyers franchise
11 eventually became the foundation of one of sport's preeminent
12 organizations in the world, Comcast-Spectacor; and

13 WHEREAS, Comcast-Spectacor quickly changed the national
14 landscape of sports by creating the first all-day, all-night
15 regional sports network known as Comcast SportsNet, which has

1 since expanded to major markets throughout this nation,
2 including Chicago, Illinois and New York, New York; and

3 WHEREAS, Out of respect for the sport of hockey and the
4 athletes who play it, Mr. Snider established the Ed Snider Youth
5 Hockey Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Comcast-Spectacor's success is testimony to
7 Mr. Snider's vision and entrepreneurial skills, the creation of
8 the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation stands as his true legacy;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation's mission is
11 to use the sport of hockey to help educate young people on how
12 to succeed in the game of life; and

13 WHEREAS, The foundation's program is provided free of charge
14 to both boys and girls who reside in inner-city neighborhoods
15 within Philadelphia and nearby Camden, New Jersey; and

16 WHEREAS, The foundation provides its hockey aspirants with
17 the required equipment, as well as ice time and experienced
18 coaching; and

19 WHEREAS, The foundation's program has already touched the
20 lives of more than 1,000 children, reflecting Mr. Snider's
21 strong commitment to give back to the community that has
22 steadfastly supported him; and

23 WHEREAS, In November 2008, Mr. Snider announced that the Ed
24 Snider Youth Hockey Foundation would assume operation and
25 programming of three ice-skating rinks in Philadelphia, which
26 were targeted for possible closure; and

27 WHEREAS, The foundation will oversee all ice hockey programs
28 at the Scanlon Ice Rink, the Laura Sims Statehouse at Cobbs
29 Creek and the Rink at Simons Recreation and Teen Access Center,
30 and provide free ice hockey instruction and leagues, including

1 all equipment as well as supplemental academic services at no
2 charge to participants; and

3 WHEREAS, The foundation is working with the City of
4 Philadelphia to procure land for a hub facility, encompassing a
5 state-of-the-art computer lab, classrooms, administrative
6 offices, multiple ice services and a public space designated for
7 meetings and related community functions; and

8 WHEREAS, The Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation is well
9 positioned to continue its successful program of teaching young
10 people the importance of staying in school, staying on a
11 progressive path and the power of giving back to one's
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, Many of the children who benefit from the Ed Snider
14 Youth Hockey Foundation will one day help to build a stronger
15 Philadelphia; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
17 honor Ed Snider and the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation for
18 their industrious efforts on behalf of children to make the
19 Philadelphia community an even better place in which to live,
20 work and play.