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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh  
2 Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most  
3 successful franchise in NFL history with their record sixth  
4 Super Bowl title.

5 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl XLIII by  
6 defeating the Arizona Cardinals 27 to 23 in Tampa, Florida, on  
7 February 1, 2009, winning their second Super Bowl Championship  
8 in four years; and

9 WHEREAS, With this victory the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise  
10 has set a new NFL standard for most Super Bowl victories with  
11 their record sixth Super Bowl Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers went 15-4 against the  
13 hardest ranked schedule in the NFL and defeated the San Diego  
14 Chargers, Baltimore Ravens and Arizona Cardinals during their  
15 record-setting post season run; and

16 WHEREAS, Linebacker James Harrison returned a goal line  
17 interception 100 yards for the longest play in Super Bowl

1 history; and

2 WHEREAS, Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger went 21-30 for 256  
3 yards and led the team down the field for the 19th and most  
4 important 4th quarter comeback of his career; and

5 WHEREAS, Wide Receiver Santonio Holmes won the Super Bowl MVP  
6 award with a 9-catch, 131-yard performance, including the game  
7 winning touchdown in the corner of the end zone with 35 second  
8 left in the game; and

9 WHEREAS, The Steelers' young offensive line continues to work  
10 together and capitalized on their efforts at the Super Bowl with  
11 292 total net yards; led by Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, the  
12 33:01 minutes of possession included plays by stars Willie  
13 Parker, Mewelde Moore, Gary Russell, Santonio Holmes, Heath  
14 Miller, Justin Hartwig, Hines Ward, Nate Washington, Carey Davis  
15 and Matt Spaeth; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers' new "Steel Curtain"  
17 defense, including stars James Harrison, Ryan Clark, Troy  
18 Polamalu, James Farrior, Ike Taylor, Larry Foote, Casey Hampton,  
19 LaMarr Woodley, Brett Keisel, Chris Hoke, Deshea Townsend and  
20 Aaron Smith were ranked number one in the NFL in overall team  
21 defense; and

22 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers defense allowed the least  
23 points scored, lowest average passing yards per game and the  
24 least overall yards per game in the entire National Football  
25 League; and

26 WHEREAS, Head coach Mike Tomlin is the youngest coach to win  
27 a Super Bowl Championship and has continued in the legendary  
28 tradition of head coaches Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher by bringing  
29 a Super Bowl championship to Pittsburgh; and

30 WHEREAS, Linebacker James Harrison was named the NFL

1 Defensive Player of the Year for the 2008-2009 season; and

2 WHEREAS, Team owner Dan Rooney and team President Art Rooney  
3 II, the son and grandson, respectively, of Pittsburgh Steelers  
4 founder Art Rooney, have remarkable loyalty to Steelers fans and  
5 the City of Pittsburgh, and have assembled an exceptional team  
6 of players, coaches and staff that made achieving a championship  
7 possible; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Myron Cope, the long-time Steelers  
9 sportscaster passed away last year, his signature "Terrible  
10 Towel" has become one of the most well-known fan symbols in the  
11 world since its introduction in 1975; in Cope's own words: "The  
12 Towel is a positive force that lifts the Steelers to magnificent  
13 heights - and poses mysterious difficulties for the Steelers'  
14 opponents only if need be;" and

15 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Steelers fan base, known as "Steeler  
16 Nation" was ranked in August 2008 by ESPN.com, as the best in  
17 the NFL, citing their current streak of 299 consecutive sold-out  
18 games going back to the 1972 season and the Steeler Nation is an  
19 integral part of the great success of the Pittsburgh Steelers  
20 team; and

21 WHEREAS, Other team members - Patrick Bailey, Mitch Berger,  
22 Fernando Bryant, Jason Capizzi, Tyrone Carter, Willie Colon,  
23 Bruce Davis, Dennis Dixon, Nick Eason, Trai Essex, Keyaron Fox,  
24 Andre Frazier, William Gay, Tony Hills, Chris Kemoeatu, Travis  
25 Kirschke, Byron Leftwich, Anthony Madison, Bryant McFadden, Sean  
26 McHugh, Jeremy Parquet, Scott Paxson, Jeff Reed, Jared  
27 Retkofsky, Orpheus Roye, Anthony Smith, Darnell Stapleton, Max  
28 Starks, Limas Sweed and Lawrence Timmons - played an essential  
29 part of the team that allowed the Pittsburgh Steelers to win  
30 their "Six-Pack" of Super Bowl rings; and

1       WHEREAS, For 76 years, the people of the City of Pittsburgh  
2 have seen themselves in the grit, tenacity and success of the  
3 Pittsburgh Steelers franchise, and they proudly join the team in  
4 celebrating their NFL record sixth Super Bowl Championship;  
5 therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the National Football  
7 League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII  
8 and setting a new championship standard for the entire National  
9 Football League.