

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 615 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY DePASQUALE, AUMENT, BOYD, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, P. COSTA, DAVIS, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAHONEY, MANN, MARSICO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MIRABITO, MYERS, PASHINSKI, PAYTON, READSHAW, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, M. SMITH, TALLMAN, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, ELLIS AND DeLUCA, MARCH 12, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Chris Doleman, National Football League defensive end
 2 and linebacker, on his election into the Professional
 3 Football Hall of Fame on February 4, 2012.

4 WHEREAS, Christopher John Doleman was born October 16, 1961
 5 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Doleman attended and graduated from William Penn
 7 High School in 1980, where he competed as a Bearcat in football,
 8 basketball and volleyball; and

9 WHEREAS, While attending William Penn High School, Mr.
 10 Doleman received great acknowledgments for his athletic
 11 accomplishments, including, but not limited to, The Associated
 12 Press's first-team, all-State tight end, United Press
 13 International's first-team, all-State defensive end and the York
 14 Daily Record's Top 22 Team as a punter; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Doleman attended Valley Forge Military

1 Academy for one year, but transferred to the University of
2 Pittsburgh, where he earned a football scholarship and played as
3 a star linebacker and defensive end; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Doleman was drafted as the fourth overall pick
5 in the 1985 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the
6 Minnesota Vikings and played there until 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, After parting ways with the Minnesota Vikings, Mr.
8 Doleman played for the Atlanta Falcons from 1994 to 1995 and the
9 San Francisco 49ers from 1996 to 1998, before returning to the
10 Minnesota Vikings for one last season in 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Doleman's career statistics include 232 games
12 spanning 15 seasons, in which he completed 150 sacks, eight
13 interceptions and two touchdowns; and

14 WHEREAS, In his professional career, Mr. Doleman played in
15 eight Pro Bowl games, was placed on the 1990's NFL All-Decade
16 Team and was honored with the 1992 National Football Conference
17 Defensive Player of the Year award by United Press
18 International; and

19 WHEREAS, At the time of his retirement, Mr. Doleman tied for
20 second place in most sacks in the NFL for his 1989 performance,
21 in which he completed 21 sacks and finished as fourth best in
22 total career sacks; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
24 profound congratulations to Chris Doleman on his election into
25 the Professional Football Hall of Fame on February 4, 2012.