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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 21, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Hines Ward for his distinguished career with the
2 Pittsburgh Steelers.

3 WHEREAS, Hines Ward was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers
4 from the University of Georgia in the third round of the 1998
5 NFL draft; and

6 WHEREAS, During his career with the Steelers, this incredibly
7 versatile athlete led the team in at least one team category
8 every year, including the all-time receiving leader in
9 receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns; and

10 WHEREAS, Hines Ward has the distinction as the only Steeler
11 in history to have 1,000 catches and more than 12,000 receiving
12 yards and the only receiver to amass more than 1,000 receiving
13 yards in four consecutive seasons (2001-2004); and

14 WHEREAS, Hines Ward holds every receiving record in Steeler

1 history has earned three team Most Valuable Player selections
2 and four consecutive Pro Bowl selections; and

3 WHEREAS, Hines Ward has led his team to three AFC
4 Championships, three Super Bowls and two Super Bowl
5 championships and was named Super Bowl XL's Most Valuable Player
6 in the Steelers' 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in
7 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, In his final season as a Pittsburgh Steeler, Hines
9 Ward became only the eighth receiver in NFL history to reach
10 1,000 catches in his career and the first in Steeler history to
11 reach 1,000 career receptions and win multiple Super Bowls; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to being a gifted athlete, Hines Ward
13 has dedicated much of his personal time to helping children; and

14 WHEREAS, After scoring a touchdown during home games, he was
15 known for searching the stands for a child wearing his #86
16 jersey and presenting that child with the touchdown ball; and

17 WHEREAS, This native of Seoul, South Korea, has started his
18 own foundation, the "Hines Ward Helping Hands Foundation," that
19 has as its chief cause the goal of ending biracial
20 discrimination in the United States and South Korea; and

21 WHEREAS, The Helping Hands U.S. Foundation focuses on
22 improving literacy among children and providing programs to
23 better equip them for achieving and handling success in life;
24 and the Korea Foundation targets biracial discrimination; and

25 WHEREAS, Hines Ward has also willingly volunteered his time
26 with Pearl S. Buck International, The Caring Foundation, Cystic
27 Fibrosis Foundation, Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation,
28 Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the NFL's Take a Player to
29 School program; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Hines Ward

1 for the quality of his character, his outstanding athletic
2 accomplishments and for providing the fans with many memorable
3 moments and lots of reasons to cheer during this fourteen
4 seasons on the field with the Pittsburgh Steelers.