
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 304 Session of
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SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, STAATS, TOEPEL, VITALI AND
WARD, MAY 2, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating The Pennsylvania State University football team
2 for winning the Big Ten Championship on December 3, 2016.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) football
4 team finished as co-champions of the Big Ten East, a division
5 many college football pundits consider the toughest in the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, After losing to the University of Michigan
8 Wolverines by 39 points on September 24, 2016, PSU went on to
9 win every regular season game on the way to a Big Ten
10 Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, During the 2016 season, PSU amassed 11 wins,
12 including 8 conference wins, which was capped with a victory
13 over the University of Wisconsin Badgers to claim the Big Ten
14 title; and

1 WHEREAS, On its quest for a Big Ten Championship, PSU
2 defeated conference rivals and number two Ohio State University
3 by a score of 24-21 on October 22, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, On December 3, 2016, PSU squared off with Big Ten
5 West champions, the University of Wisconsin Badgers at Lucas Oil
6 Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

7 WHEREAS, After falling behind 28-7 in the second quarter, PSU
8 would score 21 unanswered points; and

9 WHEREAS, The win over the University of Wisconsin gave PSU
10 its first Big Ten football championship in eight years; and

11 WHEREAS, Quarterback Trace McSorely was named the game's MVP
12 after finishing 22 of 31 passes for 384 yards with 4 touchdown
13 passes, breaking championship game records for yards and
14 touchdown passes; and

15 WHEREAS, Wide receiver Saeed Blacknall also set a
16 championship game record with 155 yards receiving; and

17 WHEREAS, As a result of PSU'S outstanding 2016 football
18 season, Coach James Franklin was voted by the media as the Dave
19 McClain Coach of the Year in the Big Ten, the 2016 recipient of
20 the Woody Hayes Coach of the Year Award, Sporting News National
21 Coach of the Year and the runner-up for the Associated Press
22 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year award; and

23 WHEREAS, The 2016 Big Ten Championship is a testament to the
24 hard work and perseverance of the players and coaches of the PSU
25 Nittany Lions football team; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate The
27 Pennsylvania State University football team for winning the Big
28 Ten Championship on December 3, 2016.