
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MILNE, MARSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, W. KELLER, MARSICO, SCHWEYER
AND NEUMAN, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of Dan Rooney and expressing
2 condolences on his passing.

3 WHEREAS, Dan Rooney died April 13, 2017, in Pittsburgh,
4 Pennsylvania, at 84 years of age; and

5 WHEREAS, Daniel Milton Rooney was born July 20, 1932, in
6 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the oldest son of Pittsburgh Steelers
7 founder Art Rooney; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rooney attended North Catholic High School,
9 where he excelled in football; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1952, Mr. Rooney, married Patricia Reagan, and
11 together they had nine children; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Rooney, earned his degree in accounting
13 from Duquesne University and, upon graduation, went to work for
14 the Pittsburgh Steelers; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1960, Mr. Rooney was named director of personnel

1 by the Pittsburgh Steelers and, by 1969, was managing day-to-day
2 operations of the franchise; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Rooney played a key role in the hiring of Head
4 Coach Chuck Noll and drafting Hall of Fame players, including
5 quarterback Terry Bradshaw and defensive tackle Joe Greene; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Rooney assumed a leadership role in the National
7 Football League (NFL) when he was appointed chairman of the
8 NFL's expansion committee, guiding the addition of the Seattle
9 Seahawks and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Rooney was named President of the
11 Pittsburgh Steelers, coinciding with the franchise's first Super
12 Bowl victory; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Rooney's guidance, the Pittsburgh Steelers
14 reached unparalleled levels of success, winning three more Super
15 Bowls in the 1970s; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. Rooney became the lead owner of the
17 Pittsburgh Steelers after the death of his father; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. Rooney was inducted into the Pro
19 Football Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2002, after Mr. Rooney was named chairman of the
21 NFL's diversity committee, the NFL adopted the "Rooney Rule"
22 requiring teams to interview at least one minority candidate
23 when hiring a head coach or general manager; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Rooney became the United States
25 ambassador to Ireland, a position in which he served until 2012;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, In 2013, Mr. Rooney, was inducted into the Irish
28 American Hall of Fame and named a Presidential Distinguished
29 Service Award recipient; and

30 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Rooney's guidance, the Pittsburgh Steelers

1 became the most successful franchise in the modern NFL, winning
2 15 division championships, 8 AFC championships and 6 Super Bowl
3 championships; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rooney contributed to numerous charitable works
5 with much fanfare, including the Ireland Funds; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Rooney was a beloved and admired icon not just
7 in western Pennsylvania, but throughout our Commonwealth;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
10 and achievements of Dan Rooney and express condolences on his
11 passing; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
13 condolences to his wife of 65 years, Patricia, their children,
14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
16 the family of Dan Rooney.