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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 14, 2018, as "Saquon Barkley Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Saquon Barkley was born on February 9, 1997, in The  
4 Bronx, New York; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2001, he moved with his parents, Alibay Barkley  
6 and Tonya Johnson, and his siblings to the Lehigh Valley,  
7 eventually settling in Coplay, Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, At Whitehall High School in Lehigh County, Barkley  
9 rushed for 3,642 yards and scored 61 total touchdowns, earning  
10 the title of Mr. PA Football in his senior season in 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, Barkley committed to The Pennsylvania State  
12 University as a four-star recruit to play college football; and

13 WHEREAS, During Barkley's three-year collegiate career, Penn  
14 State went 29-11, with two top 10 postseason finishes and a Big  
15 Ten Championship; and

1       WHEREAS, In 2015, Barkley rushed for 1,076 yards as a true  
2 freshman, becoming Penn State's all-time freshman leading rusher  
3 and earning recognition as a first-team Freshman All-American,  
4 despite missing two games; and

5       WHEREAS, As a sophomore in 2016, Barkley helped lead Penn  
6 State's football team to an 11-3 record and a Big Ten  
7 Championship; and

8       WHEREAS, In the 2016 Big Ten Championship versus the  
9 University of Wisconsin, Barkley rushed for 83 yards and one  
10 touchdown on 19 carries and caught the go-ahead touchdown in the  
11 fourth quarter of Penn State's victory; and

12       WHEREAS, In his junior season in 2017, Barkley rushed for  
13 1,271 yards and a Big Ten-leading 18 touchdowns, in addition to  
14 making 54 receptions for 632 yards and three touchdowns; and

15       WHEREAS, Following Penn State's 35-28 victory over the 12th-  
16 ranked University of Washington in the 2017 Fiesta Bowl, Barkley  
17 declared for the upcoming 2018 National Football League (NFL)  
18 draft, ending his illustrious college football career; and

19       WHEREAS, Barkley finished his college career with 3,843  
20 rushing yards, second all-time at Penn State, and 5,038 total  
21 yards from scrimmage, first all-time at Penn State; and

22       WHEREAS, Barkley scored 43 rushing touchdowns during his Penn  
23 State career, becoming the school's all-time leader in that  
24 category, in addition to scoring eight receiving touchdowns, two  
25 return touchdowns and one passing touchdown; and

26       WHEREAS, Barkley has received numerous accolades for his  
27 play, including being named a consensus first-team All American  
28 in 2017 and, that same year, winning the Paul Hornung Award,  
29 which is given annually to the most versatile player in college  
30 football; and

1       WHEREAS, Barkley has been praised for his commitment and  
2 leadership both on and off the field; and

3       WHEREAS, Barkley was named to the Penn State football team's  
4 Leadership Council his sophomore and junior years; and

5       WHEREAS, Penn State fans will not soon forget Barkley's  
6 contributions to the team and the university; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That, in recognition of Saquon Barkley's  
8 accomplishments both on and off the field, the House of  
9 Representatives designate March 14, 2018, as "Saquon Barkley  
10 Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives wish Saquon  
12 Barkley the best as he embarks on a professional football career  
13 in the NFL.