

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 571 Session of 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OCTOBER 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 28, 2019, as "Steve Blass Day" in
2 Pennsylvania to celebrate the Pittsburgh Pirates icon.

3 WHEREAS, A former batboy for an Interstate League
4 semiprofessional team in his hometown of Canaan, Connecticut,
5 Steve Blass expressed his career goal of becoming a major league
6 pitcher in his freshman year at Housatonic Valley Regional High
7 School; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Blass's career arc in professional baseball
9 began when he signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates just after high
10 school graduation in 1960; and

11 WHEREAS, Developing his talents and sustaining excitement for
12 the sport, Mr. Blass has been a fixture at Forbes Field, Three ◀
13 Rivers Stadium and PNC Park since his major league debut in
14 1964; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Blass ranks 17th on the Pittsburgh Pirate's all-
16 time wins list, 7th in strikeouts and 16th in shutouts; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Blass was on the mound October 17, 1971, when
2 the Pittsburgh Pirates ended the season with a championship win
3 during World Series Game 7, Pittsburgh Pirates at Baltimore
4 Orioles; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Blass is the last National League pitcher to
6 have thrown a complete game in Game 7 of a World Series; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Blass displayed more of his natural talents, for
8 recall and storytelling, and met another significant career goal
9 in his work with the Pittsburgh Pirates' broadcast team; and

10 WHEREAS, Stepping away from the broadcast booth in September
11 2019 after 34 seasons, Mr. Blass is set to represent the
12 Pittsburgh Pirates as an ambassador in the 2020 season; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives extends best wishes as
14 Mr. Blass embarks on new paths with his family and his cherished
15 Pittsburgh Pirates fans; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
17 28, 2019, as "Steve Blass Day" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the
18 Pittsburgh Pirates icon.