
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MALONEY, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BURNS, COX,
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RYAN, SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, WHEELAND, FRITZ AND GILLEN,
NOVEMBER 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
NOVEMBER 22, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Roger Penske on being awarded the Presidential
2 Medal of Freedom.

3 WHEREAS, On October 24, 2019, President Donald Trump awarded
4 the Presidential Medal of Freedom to auto racing legend Roger
5 Penske; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Penske was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio, in
7 1937, and developed an appreciation for automobiles and racing
8 at a young age; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Penske attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem,
10 Pennsylvania, where he studied business administration and began
11 his racing career; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Penske had numerous victories as a young racer,
13 winning accolades for his skills, including being named Sports
14 Car Driver of the Year by Sports Illustrated; and

15 WHEREAS, Following an early retirement from driving, Mr.
16 Penske turned his attention to the business side of the sport,

1 eventually establishing Team Penske, which over the decades has
2 recorded more than 545 major race wins, including 18
3 Indianapolis 500s and 36 championships; and

4 WHEREAS, The tremendous success of Mr. Penske's racing team
5 led to his 2019 induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame as an
6 owner; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Penske further expanded his business endeavors
8 to become founder and chairman of Penske Corporation, a
9 diversified on-highway transportation services company operating
10 in more than 3,600 locations and employing more than 64,000
11 people across the globe; and

12 WHEREAS, Penske Entertainment, a subsidiary of Penske
13 Corporation, purchased Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its
14 IndyCar Series in November 2019, becoming just the fourth owner
15 of the iconic speedway in its 110 years of operation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Penske follows Richard Petty as the second
17 legend of American racing to receive the Presidential Medal of
18 Freedom, which is a fitting tribute to the many contributions he
19 has made to motorsports and his success as a self-made
20 businessman; and

21 WHEREAS, The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's
22 highest civilian honor and those who receive it are truly worthy
23 of recognition by the Pennsylvania General Assembly; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulate Roger Penske on being
27 awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr.
29 Penske as an expression of the continuing admiration the
30 residents of this Commonwealth have for him and his

1 contributions to motorsports.