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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, TOMLINSON, CORMAN, BROWNE,
MENSCH, SCAVELLO, J. WARD, YUDICHAK, STEFANO, LANGERHOLC,
COSTA, HUGHES, STREET AND FONTANA, MARCH 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and career of Marty Schottenheimer and
2 offering condolences to his family and friends.

3 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer was born on September 23, 1943,
4 in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, Washington County; and

5 WHEREAS, After receiving an education at Fort Cherry High
6 School in McDonald, Pennsylvania, he attended and played
7 football at the University of Pittsburgh from 1962 to 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer earned second-team All-American
9 honors as a senior playing linebacker; and

10 WHEREAS, He was selected in the fourth round of the 1965
11 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the Baltimore Colts; and

12 WHEREAS, He was selected in the seventh round of the 1965
13 American Football League Draft by the Buffalo Bills, the team he
14 ultimately chose to join; and

15 WHEREAS, From 1969 to 1971 Marty Schottenheimer was traded to
16 the Boston Patriots, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Baltimore
17 Colts prior to his initial retirement as an athlete shortly

1 after; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1975, Schottenheimer was hired as a linebacker
3 coach for the New York Giants and ultimately became their
4 defensive coordinator in 1977; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1978 to 1979, Schottenheimer operated as the
6 linebacker coach for the Detroit Lions before joining the
7 Cleveland Browns as a defensive coordinator in 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, On October 22, 1984, Marty Schottenheimer replaced
9 Sam Rutigliano as the Head Coach of the Cleveland Browns turning
10 a 1-7 start into a 4-4 finish for the team and launching his
11 decades-long career as a head coach thereafter; and

12 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer operated as the head coach of
13 the Cleveland Browns from 1984 to 1988, the Kansas City Chiefs
14 from 1989 to 1998, the Washington Redskins in 2001 and the San
15 Diego Chargers from 2002 to 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, He earned the American Football Conference's (AFC)
17 Coach of the Year in both 1986 and 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, He was named the NFL's Coach of the Year in 2004
19 with the San Diego Chargers; and

20 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer has the seventh most regular
21 season wins of any Head Coach in NFL history with a record of
22 200-126-1; and

23 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer has the eighth most career wins
24 of any Head Coach in NFL history, which includes his record in
25 the playoffs, standing at 205-139-1; and

26 WHEREAS, His teams reached the playoffs 13 out of his 21
27 seasons as a Head Coach and won division titles 8 times; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Schottenheimer was inducted into the Kansas
29 City Chiefs Hall of Fame; and

30 WHEREAS, His coaching strategy of emphasizing the running

1 game, a passing game that limited turnovers and an aggressive
2 defense eventually became known as "Martyball" in football
3 circles; and

4 WHEREAS, Despite postseason struggles and never winning in
5 any of his three Conference Championship appearances, after his
6 departure, his respective teams went on to have losing records
7 and a revolving door of full-time head coaches; and

8 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer is largely credited with
9 turning around the programs of the Browns, Chiefs and Chargers;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 2011, Coach Schottenheimer was diagnosed with
12 Alzheimer's disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Marty Schottenheimer officially passed away on
14 February 8, 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, He leaves behind a wife, Pat, and two children,
16 Brian and Kristen; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 honor the life and achievements of Coach Marty Schottenheimer of
19 Canonsburg, Washington County, offer condolences to his family
20 and friends and recognize him for his historic NFL coaching
21 career.