
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROEBUCK, M. DALEY, GOODMAN AND WATSON, AUGUST 2, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 2, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
2 Association on the 100th anniversary of its formation.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
4 Association (PIAA) was officially formed on December 29, 1913,
5 when a group of high school principals met with noble
6 intentions; and

7 WHEREAS, These principals sought to create an organization
8 that would provide a formal structure for interscholastic
9 athletics, with a philosophy that emphasized an appropriate
10 balance between athletics and academics within the context of
11 secondary education; and

12 WHEREAS, The goals of the organization were to establish
13 uniform rules for interscholastic athletics, to serve to
14 eliminate abuses and to embrace and promote the positive,
15 character-building aspects of high school, junior high school

1 and middle school sports; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2013, the PIAA membership consists of
3 approximately 1,420 schools which are divided almost equally
4 among senior high schools, junior high schools and middle
5 schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 195 private schools are members of the
7 PIAA; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 350,000 students participate in
9 interscholastic athletics at all levels of competition under
10 PIAA jurisdiction; and

11 WHEREAS, PIAA member school programs are considered among the
12 best and most competitive in America, particularly in football,
13 basketball, field hockey, swimming, cross country, wrestling and
14 lacrosse; and

15 WHEREAS, PIAA is pledged to organizing, developing and
16 directing an interscholastic athletic program which will
17 promote, protect and conserve the health and physical welfare of
18 all participants; and

19 WHEREAS, PIAA purposes are to formulate and maintain policies
20 that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic
21 athletics and cultivate the high ideals of good sportsmanship;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, PIAA is dedicated to promoting uniformity of
24 standards in all interscholastic athletic competition and to
25 serving in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to the educational
26 values of interscholastic athletics; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
28 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association on the 100th
29 anniversary of its formation; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 Dr. Robert Lombardi, Executive Director, at the following
2 address: Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, 550
3 Gettysburg Road, P.O. Box 2008, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0708.