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Pennsylvania House of Representatives Recognizes 100 Years of PIAA

Today on the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives a resolution was unanimously passed recognizing the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association for its 100 years of service to member schools, student-athletes and registered officials. PIAA will celebrate its centennial on Sunday, December 29, 2013.

Representative Mark Painter of the 146th District introduced the resolution and recognized PIAA President James T. Zack and members of the PIAA Executive Staff to celebrate this momentous occasion. Representative Painter and Representative Gene DiGirolamo of the 18th District provided the leadership for this resolution and spoke on behalf of the 1,447 member schools, 14,000 registered sports officials and over 350,000 student-athletes who participate annually in interscholastic athletics.

"We greatly appreciate Representative Painter, Representative DiGirolamo and all the members of the House for their support of Resolution 416. Today's recognition of our association will propel us into the next century as we honor the past, celebrate the present and dream of the future", said Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director.

ABOUT PIAA: Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.

News From The House Democrats

STATE HOUSE RECOGNIZES 100TH PIAA ANNIVERSARY

HARRISBURG, Nov. 26 – The state House of Representatives recently adopted a resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association on Dec. 29, according to the resolution's prime sponsor Rep. Mark Painter.

"This organization was formed by a group of high school principals who met with the noble intent of establishing a formal structure for interscholastic athletics. The PIAA was created to emphasize a proper balance between sports and academics, establish uniform rules, eliminate abuses, and promote the positive, character-building aspects of sports, including good sportsmanship," said Painter, D-Montgomery.

PIAA membership is composed of approximately 1,420 schools, which are divided almost equally between senior high, junior high and middle schools, including nearly 200 private schools. Under PIAA jurisdiction, nearly 350,000 students participate in interscholastic athletic competition at all levels.

"PIAA member schools operate sports programs that are considered to be among the best and most competitive in the country. It was my honor to recognize the PIAA for its noteworthy century of service to Pennsylvania's student-athletes," he said.
