

H. Res. 670

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 8, 2006.

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl XL by defeating the Seattle Seahawks 21–10 in Detroit, Michigan, on February 5, 2006;

Whereas, with this victory, the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise has tied the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys for the most Super Bowl championships in National Football League history with 5 each;

Whereas the Steelers became the first 6th-seed in the playoffs to not only reach the Super Bowl, but to win the Super Bowl;

Whereas the Steelers closed their season by winning 8 consecutive games, including the Super Bowl, and became the first team to win 3 playoff games and the Super Bowl away from their home field;

Whereas the Steelers' path to the championship required defeating the top 3 teams in the American Football Conference—the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts and the Denver Broncos—at their respective home fields;

Whereas finally, in the Super Bowl, the Steelers faced and overcame the National Football Conference champion Seahawks and the year's Most Valuable Player in the National Football League, Shaun Alexander;

Whereas team owner Dan Rooney and team president Art Rooney II, the son and grandson, respectively, of Pittsburgh Steelers' founder Art Rooney, have remarkable loyalty to Steelers fans and the City of Pittsburgh, and have assembled a tremendous team of coaches, players, and staff that made achieving the championship victory possible;

Whereas head coach Bill Cowher won his first Super Bowl in 14 seasons of leading the Pittsburgh Steelers, and brought the Vince Lombardi Trophy back to his hometown of Pittsburgh;

Whereas defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau orchestrated a defensive unit including stars Troy Polamalu, Deshaun Townsend, Chris Hope, Ike Taylor, Joey Porter, Larry Foote, Clark Haggans, James Farrior, Kimo von Oelhoffen, Aaron Smith, and Casey Hampton, that personified the blue-collar work ethic of Pittsburghers;

Whereas offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt's creativity and attention to detail helped the Steelers' offense, featuring starters Ben Roethlisberger—the youngest starting quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl—Dan Kreider, Willie Parker, Heath Miller, Max Starks, Kendall Simmons, Jeff Hartings, Alan Faneca, Marvel Smith, and Antwaan Randle El, to take the team to unexpected success;

Whereas the Most Valuable Player of the Super Bowl, Hines Ward, led the offense during the championship game by catching 5 passes for 123 yards and 1 touchdown;

Whereas running back Jerome Bettis, one of the National Football League's all-time leading rushers, returned to

his hometown of Detroit to win his first Super Bowl, and then announced his retirement following the game;

Whereas the Steeler Nation is comprised of the greatest fans in professional football; and

Whereas for 73 years, the people of the City of Pittsburgh have seen themselves in the grit, tenacity, and achievement of the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise, and they proudly celebrate the team's 5th Super Bowl championship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history.

Attest:

Clerk.