

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 367

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers for their victory in Super Bowl XL.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers for their victory in Super Bowl XL.

Whereas, on Sunday, February 5, 2006, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 21–10, in Detroit, Michigan;

Whereas that victory marks the 5th Super Bowl Championship for the Steelers organization, tying Pittsburgh with the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys for the most Super Bowl wins in the history of the National Football League;

Whereas, after losing a game to Cincinnati on December 4, and dropping their record to 7 wins and 5 losses, the Steelers won 8 consecutive games, the last of which earned the team an overall record of 15–5 and the right to be named Super Bowl Champions;

Whereas the path of the Steelers to the Super Bowl included road victories against the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Denver Broncos, making the Steelers the 2nd team in NFL history to win 3 playoff games on the road;

Whereas Bill Cowher, a Pittsburgh native and the longest tenured head coach in the NFL, was a steady presence throughout the season and earned his 1st Super Bowl victory after 14 seasons at the helm of the Steelers team;

Whereas Jerome Bettis, who is affectionately known as “The Bus”, and is the 5th leading rusher in NFL history, was the emotional leader of the Steelers team and was able to return to his hometown of Detroit to participate in his 1st Super Bowl, after which he announced his retirement from the game of football;

Whereas Hines Ward, who caught 5 passes for 123 yards and 1 touchdown, was named Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XL, joining Franco Harris, Lynn Swann, and Terry Bradshaw as the only Steelers to earn that prestigious award;

Whereas, at the age of 23, Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was the youngest starting quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl;

Whereas the defense of the Steelers, led by Pro-Bowl performers Troy Polamalu, Joey Porter, and Casey Hampton, held the highest scoring team in the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks, to more than 18 points below their season average of 28.3 points per game; and

Whereas the Rooney family, who have owned the Pittsburgh Steelers since the founding of the team in 1933, have provided the Steelers organization with a level of stability

and commitment to community that is unmatched in the modern sports environment and have created a team that is as beloved by its hometown as any in the world: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the Pitts-
- 2 burgh Steelers on their hard-fought, well-deserved victory
- 3 in Super Bowl XL.

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