

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 548
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, NATIVE AND FORMER BUFFALO BILLS' OFFENSIVE
3 GUARD BILLY SHAW UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF
4 FAME.

5 WHEREAS, Billy Shaw, who once starred at Carr Central in
6 Vicksburg, Mississippi, has received the mandatory 80% of the
7 votes needed to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in
8 Canton, Ohio; and

9 WHEREAS, Billy Shaw will be the first player from Vicksburg
10 in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the seventh Mississippian to
11 be selected; he is only the fourth guard elected to the Hall of
12 Fame, and will be the first who played his entire career in the
13 American Football League; and

14 WHEREAS, Shaw and the rest of the Class of 1999, including
15 such pro football greats as Lawrence Taylor, Eric Dickerson, Ozzie
16 Newsome and Tom Mack, will be officially inducted in ceremonies to
17 be held on August 7, 1999, where they will join all-time greats
18 such as Walter Payton, Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Terry
19 Bradshaw and Roger Staubach; and

20 WHEREAS, Shaw, who was nicknamed "Steady Eddie" by his
21 friends, was an All-American at Georgia Tech, was one of the most
22 decorated linemen of the 1960's: he was three-time All-SEC, was
23 named to the All-Time Bobby Dodd Era Team (1945-66), played in the
24 North-South All-Star Game, the Senior Bowl and Coaches'
25 All-American Game, he is in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame,
26 the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Georgia Tech University
27 Hall of Fame; and

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29 WHEREAS, the 6-foot-3 Shaw, who was 255 pounds when he played
30 football, was the Buffalo Bills' Captain for 7 years, was selected
31 to football's Pro Bowl 8 times, was also selected to pro
32 football's All-Decade Team of the 1960's and the all-time AFL team
33 after helping the Bills to four straight championship games, and
34 two titles, and his No. 66 which hangs in Rich Stadium's Wall of
35 Fame, was retired in 1988; and

36 WHEREAS, while playing in high school, Shaw transferred to
37 Carr from Jett for his senior season in 1956, where he played for
38 Coach Gene Allen and won the Big Eight Title; and

39 WHEREAS, now a resident of Toccoa, Georgia, with three
40 daughters and five grandchildren, Shaw is in the concrete
41 business, plays golf and speaks at churches and civic
42 organizations, and is Chairman of the Deacons at Ebenezer Baptist
43 Church; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
45 professional football star, who brings honor to his native state
46 where he received his foundation in education and sports:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate Vicksburg native and former
50 Buffalo Bills' offensive guard Billy Shaw upon his induction into
51 the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, to be held on
52 August 7, 1999, and wish him continued success in his future
53 endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Billy Shaw and be made available to members of the Capitol Press
56 Corps.