

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JIM KELLY FOR HIS MANY ATHLETIC
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Kelly is a talented professional athlete who
4 has dedicated not only money but much of his time to many
5 charitable organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, while attending the University of Miami, Mr. Kelly
7 was an important member of the Hurricane Football Team, which he
8 led to a 1980 Peach Bowl Appearance; and

9 WHEREAS, as quarterback of the Miami Hurricanes, Mr. Kelly
10 upset the number one ranked Penn State in his first college game
11 and was a Heisman Trophy candidate before separating his shoulder
12 during his senior season; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was honored by the University of Miami in
14 1992, when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Kelly joined the United States Football
16 League and played quarterback for the Houston Gamblers, where he
17 threw 83 touchdowns in two seasons; had 16 300-yard passing games;
18 and was named 1984 USFL Player of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Kelly signed with the Buffalo Bills,
20 leading the Bills to many accomplishments that the franchise had
21 never experienced; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly's outstanding career as a Buffalo Bill
23 includes the following remarkable accomplishments: led the Bills
24 to four consecutive AFC Championships from 1990-1993; made four
25 back-to-back Super Bowl appearances; named Most Valuable Player
26 during the 1991 Pro Bowl; holds every major Buffalo Bills passing
27 record; thrown for over 35,000 passing yards and 237 touchdowns;



28 and his career passer rating of 84.4% is the sixth highest in NFL
29 history; and

30 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Kelly has made numerous
31 television appearances including General Hospital, The Tonight
32 Show with Jay Leno, David Letterman, NBC Nightly News, Oprah
33 Winfrey and Rosie O'Donnell; and

34 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Kelly joined ESPN's "NFL Countdown" as
35 an NFL Studio Analyst and was an NFL Game Analyst for NBC Sports
36 during the 1997-1998 football season; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly has endorsed many products such as Coors,
38 Nike, Motorola, Rogaine, Just for Feet, Sprint, Snickers, Logo
39 Athletics and Kentucky Fried Chicken; and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to his many athletic achievements, Mr.
41 Kelly has dedicated much time and energy to several charitable
42 organizations; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly and his wife, Jill Kelly, are cofounders
44 of Hunter's Hope Foundation, which began in September of 1997
45 after their son Hunter was diagnosed with Krabbe Disease; and

46 WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Kelly established the Kelly for Kids
47 Foundation, which has raised over Two Million Dollars for
48 children's charities in Western New York; and

49 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Kelly was the original national
50 spokesperson for the Children's Miracle Network and was appointed
51 to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports by
52 President Bill Clinton; and

53 WHEREAS, every summer since 1988, Jim and his NFL colleagues
54 have taught leadership, sportsmanship, responsibility and the
55 fundamentals of football to young athletes at the Jim Kelly
56 Football Camp; and

57 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly currently lives in Buffalo, New York, with
58 his wife, Jill, and their three children, Erin, Hunter and Camryn;
59 and



60 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
61 the State of Mississippi to commend outstanding community service
62 as evidenced by Mr. Kelly:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
65 commend Mr. Jim Kelly for his remarkable professional football
66 career and his outstanding community service.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Mr. Jim Kelly and the members of the Capitol Press
69 Corps.

