

By: Representatives Straughter, Bell (65th), To: Rules
Banks, Sykes, Calhoun, Denton, Dortch,
Faulkner, Holloway, Mickens, Paden, Watson,
Perkins

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION JOINING PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN
2 CONGRATULATING FORMER JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL
3 FOOTBALL LEAGUE STAR LINEBACKER ROBERT BRAZILE UPON THE OCCASION
4 OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE 2018 CLASS OF THE NFL HALL OF FAME.

5 WHEREAS, on February 3, 2018, Robert Brazile received an
6 amazing gift four days before his 65th birthday, in the form of a
7 confirmed induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, becoming
8 the fourth Jackson State University Tiger to be bestowed such an
9 honor following the footsteps of former teammates Walter Payton,
10 Lem Barney and Jackie Slater; and

11 WHEREAS, Brazile, who was nicknamed "Dr. Doom" during his pro
12 playing days, was a senior nominee who was elected by the
13 48-member Selection Committee, and on the eve of Super Bowl LII,
14 the NFL's Hall of Fame Committee selected Brazile as one of eight
15 new honorees to be inducted into the Class of 2018 in Canton,
16 Ohio, to be held on August 4, 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, Brazile, a gridiron phenom who possesses an
18 unofficial career sack total of 48 and 1,281 tackles, played his
19 10-year professional career with the Houston Oilers from 1975 to



20 1984, winning the NFL Rookie of the Year Award in 1975, in
21 addition to earning seven consecutive Pro Bowl selections, six
22 first- and second-team All-Pro Team selections and a member of the
23 league's 1970s All-Decade Team; and

24 WHEREAS, widely credited with revolutionizing the outside
25 linebacker position in a 3-4 formation defense, the Mobile,
26 Alabama, native was referred to as being the "Lawrence Taylor
27 before Lawrence Taylor," by his late coach, Bum Phillips, who
28 emphasized Brazile's combination of speed, strength and tackling
29 that allowed him to be one of the most fearsome of his time; and

30 WHEREAS, before embarking upon a stellar professional career
31 in the National Football League, Brazile was recruited to Jackson
32 State as a tight end, and dominated the SWAC as a linebacker
33 before going on to redefine the position with the Houston Oilers;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, receiving 80% of the vote for induction from the
36 48-member Selection Committee, Brazile and Jerry Kramer, both
37 named by the Senior Selection Committee, will be enshrined along
38 with First-Ballot Standouts Ray Lewis, Randy Moss and Brian
39 Urlacher, as well as Terrell Owens, Brian Dawkins and Bobby
40 Beathard; and

41 WHEREAS, the 65-year-old Brazile was the sixth pick in the
42 1975 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers, where he would spend his
43 entire career through 1984, never missing a game, and garnering
44 the nickname "Energizer Bunny" by his fellow teammates; and



45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to pay tribute
46 to Robert Brazile, a preeminent Mississippi football legend who
47 has brought honor to Jackson State University and to the State of
48 Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
51 THEREIN, That we do hereby join the professional football
52 community in congratulating former Jackson State University and
53 National Football League star linebacker Robert Brazile upon the
54 occasion of his induction into the 2018 Class of the NFL Hall of
55 Fame, and extend to Robert and his family best wishes and sincere
56 recognition on this high honor.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to Robert Brazile and to the members of the Capitol
59 Press Corps.

