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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 585

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, Robert Brazile is the fourth Jackson State
6 University Tiger to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of
7 Fame. Brazile, who was nicknamed "Dr. Doom" during his pro
8 playing days, was a senior nominee who was elected by the
9 48-member Selection Committee. On the eve of Super Bowl LII, the
10 NFL's Hall of Fame Committee selected eight new inductees into the
11 Class of 2018 in Canton, Ohio, to be held on August 4, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, Jackson State Alum Robert Brazile played his 10-year
13 professional career with the Houston Oilers from 1975-1984; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mobile, Alabama, native is widely credited with
15 revolutionizing the outside linebacker position in a 3-4 formation
16 defense. The late Bum Phillips, who coached him, called Brazile
17 "Lawrence Taylor before Lawrence Taylor." His combination of
18 speed, strength and tackling allowed him to be one of the most
19 fearsome of his time, being named to the NFL All-Decade Team for



20 the 1970s and was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1975.
21 His 1,282 tackles is the second most all-time in Tennessee
22 Titans/Houston Oilers franchise history and his unofficial total
23 of 48 sacks (sacks were not an official statistic until 1982),
24 combined with his six straight All-Pro selections, stacks up with
25 all-time greats of the game. Brazile, who was recruited to
26 Jackson State as a tight end, dominated the SWAC as a linebacker
27 before going on to redefine the position with the Houston Oilers;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Brazile will be enshrined along with First-Ballot
30 Standouts Ray Lewis, Randy Moss, and Brian Urlacher, as well as
31 Terrell Owens, Brian Dawkins, Jerry Kramer and Bobby Beathard.
32 Brazile and Kramer were named by the Senior Selection Committee.
33 A candidate must receive 80% of the vote to be inducted from the
34 48-member Selection Committee; and

35 WHEREAS, the 64-year-old Brazile was the sixth pick in the
36 1975 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers, where he would spend his
37 entire career through 1984. He did not miss a game. Brazile was
38 a seven-time Pro-Bowler in all and five-time First Team All-Pro.
39 As a linebacker, he made 13 interceptions. He was later named to
40 the 1970s All-Decade Team; and

41 WHEREAS, Brazile will be the fourth player from Jackson State
42 to be inducted in the NFL Hall of Fame, joining Lem Barney, Jackie
43 Slate and Walter Payton, his former teammate and roommate at
44 Jackson State; and



45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the professional
46 football community in paying tribute to a Mississippi football
47 legend who has brought honor to this university and to the State
48 of Mississippi:

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

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Robert Brazile and his family, forwarded to the National Football
58 League Hall of Fame and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

