

By: Representatives Straughter, Bell (65th) To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FORMER NATIONAL
2 FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER ROBERT BRAZILE FOR HIS MONUMENTAL FOOTBALL
3 CAREER AND FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE 2018 INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL
4 FOOTBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME.

5 WHEREAS, Robert Brazile was inducted into the 2018 Hall of
6 Fame Class of the National Football League (NFL), which placed him
7 as the fourth Jackson State University Tiger to earn such an honor
8 with former teammates Walter Payton, Lem Barney and Jackie Slater;
9 and

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

16 WHEREAS, Brazile, a gridiron phenom who possesses an
17 unofficial career sack total of 48 and 1,281 tackles, played his
18 10-year professional career with the Houston Oilers from 1975 to
19 1984, winning the NFL Rookie of the Year Award in 1975, in



20 addition to earning seven consecutive Pro Bowl selections, six
21 first- and second-team All-Pro Team selections and a member of the
22 league's 1970s All-Decade Team; and

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

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

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

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



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

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby congratulate former National Football
51 League Player Robert Brazile for his monumental football career
52 and his impressive 2018 induction into the National Football
53 League's Hall of Fame.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Robert Brazile and to the members of the Capitol
56 Press Corps.

