

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 548

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.