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(65th), Dickson, Evans, Flaggs, Fredericks,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TERRELL BUCKLEY ON HIS SUPER BOWL
2 APPEARANCE WITH THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 16,
3 2002, AS TERRELL BUCKLEY DAY IN THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA.

4 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2002, Pascagoula native, Terrell
5 Buckley, who appeared in Super Bowl XXXVI on February 3, 2002,
6 with the New England Patriots, will be recognized in the City of
7 Pascagoula by this day being set aside in honor of his remarkable
8 accomplishments; and

9 WHEREAS, born June 7, 1971, to Eddie and Laura Buckley in
10 Pascagoula, Terrell exhibited, from an early age, the potential to
11 be a dynamic athlete; and

12 WHEREAS, Terrell, receiving his formal education in the
13 public school system of Jackson County, Mississippi, established a
14 notable reputation throughout his school years; and

15 WHEREAS, being rated as the nation's top defensive back as a
16 senior in high school, Terrell was the only player to earn
17 first-team All-State honors as both a junior and senior, setting a
18 school record with 30 interceptions, seven of which he returned
19 for touchdowns, and averaging 30 yards per punt return with seven
20 touchdowns; and

21 WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school in 1989, Terrell, a
22 distant cousin of Walter Payton, attended Florida State
23 University, majoring in theater and earning a minor in political
24 science; and

25 WHEREAS, continuing to set records and make history, Terrell
26 was a two-year starter and three-year letterman at FSU, leaving in
27 1991 as the school's all-time leader in interceptions with 21, and



28 interception returns for 501 yards, which set a National College
29 Athletic Association record; and

30 WHEREAS, Terrell tied the FSU record for touchdowns of
31 interception returns and punt returns, leading the nation as
32 defensive back with 12 interceptions for 238 yards and two
33 touchdowns; and

34 WHEREAS, enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame for
35 his outstanding performance, Terrell received numerous honors,
36 including: the 1991 Jim Thorpe Award, presented annually to the
37 nation's top defensive back; his being named the 1991 Consensus
38 All-American; and the Associated Press second-team All-American
39 for 1990; and

40 WHEREAS, Terrell began his professional football career after
41 being the fifth pick in the 1992 NFL Draft by the Green Bay
42 Packers, where he remained for three seasons, adorned with the
43 recognizable Number 27 jersey, before being signed as a free agent
44 to the Miami Dolphins in 1995; and

45 WHEREAS, before being signed as a veteran free agent with the
46 New England Patriots in 2001, Terrell also contributed his talents
47 to the Denver Broncos during the 2000 season; and

48 WHEREAS, Terrell, having contributed to several key plays in
49 2001 that led to New England's 11-5 overall record, which landed
50 them a spot in the AFC Playoffs and ultimately the NFL Super Bowl,
51 is now experiencing the joy that only comes with a Super Bowl
52 victory of 20-17 over the St. Louis Rams; and

53 WHEREAS, in striving diligently to obtain each athletic
54 accolade that has made him a distinctive professional football
55 player, Terrell has been supported by his family: wife, Denise;
56 daughters, Sherrell, Brianna and Brettney; parents, Eddie and
57 Laura Buckley; sister, Jennifer; and a host of other relatives,
58 friends and fans; and

59 WHEREAS, Terrell, who also enjoys golfing, baseball and
60 basketball, currently resides in Plantation, Florida, where he has



61 fervently contributed his time and service to the local Broward
62 County Boys and Girls Club and participated in events benefiting
63 the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,
64 Habitat For Humanity, "Feed the Children" Campaign and his own
65 charitable endeavor, the "T-Buck Foundation"; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
67 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend distinguished
68 Mississippians such as Terrell Buckley, who, through his highly
69 successful career as a professional football player and Super Bowl
70 Champion, has brought national recognition and great pride to his
71 family and the State of Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
74 commend and congratulate Terrell Buckley on his Super Bowl
75 appearance with the 2002 NFL Super Bowl Champions, the New England
76 Patriots, and recognize March 16, 2002, as "Terrell Buckley Day"
77 in the City of Pascagoula.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
79 furnished to Terrell Buckley, Eddie and Laura Buckley, and the
80 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

