

By Representative Rubio

## House Resolution

A resolution in recognition of Dan Marino and designating April 13, 2000, as "Dan Marino Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Daniel Constantine Marino, Jr., was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 15, 1961, and

WHEREAS, after attending Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Dan Marino attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he was the quarterback for the Pitt Panthers from 1979 to 1982, and

WHEREAS, during his college career, Dan Marino led the Panthers to three consecutive 11-1 seasons in his first three years as quarterback and a 9-3 season as a senior, and finished fourth in balloting for the Heisman Trophy during his junior year, and

WHEREAS, selected by the Miami Dolphins as the 27th pick in the first round of the NFL draft of 1983, Dan Marino embarked upon a 17-year career with the Dolphins in which he set numerous NFL records that stand to this day and, in the opinions of many football analysts, may never be broken, and

WHEREAS, most notable among his more than 20 NFL records are his single-season records of 48 touchdowns and 5,084 yards in 1984, and

WHEREAS, Dan Marino also holds NFL records for most career touchdowns, total yards, passing attempts, and passing completions, and

WHEREAS, Dan Marino's career passing statistics over 242 games are 4,967 completions out of 8,358 attempts for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, for a quarterback rating of 86.4, and

1           WHEREAS, Dan Marino is the only rookie quarterback to  
2 be named a starter in the Pro Bowl, and

3           WHEREAS, Dan Marino also has the distinction of having  
4 led the Dolphins to 36 fourth-quarter come-from-behind  
5 victories, and

6           WHEREAS, remarkably, the accomplishments of Dan Marino  
7 and the Miami Dolphins during Marino's 17-year career as the  
8 Dolphins' quarterback were reached with only one Dolphin  
9 running back exceeding the 1,000-yard season rushing mark, and

10           WHEREAS, aside from his achievements on the football  
11 field, Dan Marino established the Dan Marino Foundation, which  
12 supports many local charities, sponsors an annual golf

13 tournament to benefit the foundation, and helped create the  
14 Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center in Weston, Florida, and

15           WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House  
16 of Representatives of the State of Florida honor Dan Marino  
17 for his illustrious career as quarterback of the Miami  
18 Dolphins and for the contributions he has made and the  
19 recognition he has brought to the State of Florida, NOW,  
20 THEREFORE,

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22 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
23 Florida:

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25           That the House of Representatives hereby honors Dan  
26 Marino for one of the greatest careers in the history of  
27 professional football and designates April 13, 2000, as "Dan  
28 Marino Day" in the State of Florida.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
30 be presented to Dan Marino as a tangible token of the  
31 sentiments expressed herein.