

By Senator Lawson

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution commending University of Florida
3 graduate Jack Youngblood for his athletic
4 achievements.
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6 WHEREAS, Herbert Jackson Youngblood was born in
7 Jacksonville on January 26, 1950, and
8 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood played high school football at
9 Jefferson County High School in Monticello, where he was named
10 an All-State player in 1966, and
11 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood played college football at the
12 University of Florida, where he was an All-American defensive
13 end in 1970, won All-American honors as a senior, and played
14 in the Senior Bowl and College All-Star games, and
15 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood received numerous college
16 football honors, was named the Most Valuable Defensive Lineman
17 in the SEC in 1970, was named to the SEC Quarter Century Team,
18 and was named to the University of Florida's All-Century Team,
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20 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood was drafted by the Los Angeles
21 Rams in the first round of the 1971 draft, the first Gator
22 defensive lineman to be picked in the first round, and
23 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood, in 14 seasons with the Rams,
24 played in 201 games out of 202 during his tenure, a team
25 record, and
26 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood won the Dan Reeves Award three
27 times; was All-Pro five times; was All-NFC seven times; played
28 in seven consecutive Pro-Bowls; and was twice named NFL
29 Defensive Player of the Year, with over 150 career sacks
30 before he retired in 1984, and
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1 WHEREAS, called the "John Wayne of pro football," Jack
2 Youngblood played the second half of the Dallas playoff game,
3 the entire NFC Championship game, and the entire Super Bowl
4 XIV with a broken leg, but his most outstanding single-game
5 performance came against the St. Louis Cardinals in a 1975
6 playoff game, when he recorded one sack, one forced fumble,
7 and one blocked extra-point attempt and returned an
8 interception 47 yards for a touchdown, and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood, out of the 211 inductees in
10 the Pro Football Hall of Fame, is only one of four who played
11 high school or college football in this state, and is the only
12 inductee from the University of Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2001, the day after his 51st
14 birthday, Jack Youngblood was bestowed the highest form of
15 praise a pro football player can hope to achieve, election to
16 the Pro Football Hall of Fame, NOW, THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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20 That Jack Youngblood is commended for his outstanding
21 athletic accomplishments in high school, college, and
22 professional football.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
24 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jack
25 Youngblood as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
26 Florida Senate.

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