

By Representative Kendrick

House Resolution

A resolution honoring Jack Youngblood.

WHEREAS, Jacksonville-born Herbert Jackson Youngblood III was chosen an All-State player during his senior year at Monticello's Jefferson County High School in 1966 and was offered a football scholarship by the University of Florida, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and gained national recognition playing defense for the Gators, and

WHEREAS, in 1970, a banner year for the Florida senior, Jack Youngblood, in what has been referred to as his "biggest play," recovered a University of Georgia fumble at the goal line, leading to a Florida win; earned a myriad of honors and recognitions too numerous to set forth here; and was selected by the Los Angeles Rams, the 20th player selected in the first round of the 1971 draft and the first Gator defensive lineman ever to be picked in the first round, and

WHEREAS, Jack Youngblood played 201 consecutive games out of 202 in 14 seasons with the Rams, missing only one game during that time; led the Rams to an NFL-record seven straight divisional championships; was a three-time winner of the Rams MVP Dan Reeves Award; was all-pro five times and All-NFC seven times; played seven consecutive Pro Bowls; was named the league's defensive Most Valuable Player in 1975; became a two-time Defensive Player of the Year; and, when he retired from professional football in 1984, had more than 150 sacks to his credit, and

WHEREAS, called the "John Wayne of pro football," Jack Youngblood played the second half of the Dallas playoff game, the entire NFC Championship game, and the entire Super Bowl

1 XIV with a broken leg, but his most outstanding single-game
2 performance came against the St. Louis Cardinals in a 1975
3 playoff game, when he recorded one sack, one forced fumble,
4 and one blocked extra-point attempt and returned an
5 interception 47 yards for a touchdown, and

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

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

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15 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
16 Florida:

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18 That the House of Representatives honors Florida's
19 native son Jack Youngblood for his professional career and
20 athletic achievements.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
22 be presented to Jack Youngblood as a tangible token of the
23 sentiments expressed herein.

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