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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Emmitt James Smith III for his selection as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Emmitt James Smith III was born on May 15, 1969, in Pensacola, where he attended Escambia High School and, in 1986, was named the USA Today and Parade Magazine high school player of the year, and

WHEREAS, Emmitt James Smith III attended the University of Florida, where he was named the 1989 SEC Player of the Year and was later inducted into the Gator Football Ring of Honor and the College Football Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, Emmitt James Smith III was selected by the Dallas Cowboys as the number 17 overall pick in the 1990 National Football League Draft, and

WHEREAS, over the course of his illustrious 15-year career, Emmitt James Smith III amassed 18,355 rushing yards, making him the National Football League's all-time rushing leader, a record formerly held by his childhood hero, Walter Payton, and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments in the National Football League, Emmitt James Smith III led the league in rushing yards in 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1995; had 11 straight 1,000-yard seasons; and was a major contributor to the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl XXVII, XXVIII, and XXX championship teams, and

WHEREAS, for his many outstanding contributions to the Dallas Cowboys' football organization, Emmitt James Smith III was enshrined in the Dallas Cowboys' Ring of Honor in 2005, and

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29 WHEREAS, in his first year of eligibility, Emmitt James
30 Smith III was selected as a member of the Pro Football Hall of
31 Fame's Class of 2010 and will be inducted on August 7, 2010,
32 NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 Florida:

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37 That Emmitt James Smith III is recognized and congratulated
38 on his selection as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
40 presented to Emmitt James Smith III as a tangible token of the
41 sentiments expressed herein.