

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 346

Acknowledging that the undefeated and untied 1951 University of San Francisco Dons football team suffered a grave injustice by not being invited to any post-season Bowl game due to racial prejudice that prevailed at the time and seeking appropriate recognition for the surviving members of that championship team.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2000

Mrs. BOXER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Acknowledging that the undefeated and untied 1951 University of San Francisco Dons football team suffered a grave injustice by not being invited to any post-season Bowl game due to racial prejudice that prevailed at the time and seeking appropriate recognition for the surviving members of that championship team.

Whereas the 1951 University of San Francisco Dons football team completed its championship season with an unblemished record;

Whereas this closely knit team failed to receive an invitation to compete in any post-season Bowl game because two of its players were African-American;

Whereas the 1951 University of San Francisco Dons football team courageously and rightly rejected an offer to play in a Bowl game without their African-American teammates;

Whereas this exceptionally gifted team, for the most objectionable of reasons, was deprived of the opportunity to prove itself before a national audience;

Whereas ten members of this team were drafted into the National Football League, five played in the Pro Bowl and three were inducted into the Hall of Fame;

Whereas our Nation has made great strides in overcoming the barriers of oppression, intolerance, and discrimination in order to ensure fair and equal treatment for every American by every American; and

Whereas it is appropriate and fitting to now offer these athletes the attention and accolades they earned but were denied: Now therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) applauds the undefeated and untied 1951  
3        University of San Francisco Dons football team for  
4        its determination, commitment and integrity both on  
5        and off the playing field; and

6            (2) acknowledges that the treatment endured by  
7        this team was wrong and that recognition for its ac-  
8        complishments is long overdue.

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