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H. RES. 538

Honoring Johnny Unitas and extending condolences to his family on his passing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

Mr. EHRLICH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. COYNE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Johnny Unitas and extending condolences to his family on his passing.

Whereas, as a member of the Baltimore Colts, Johnny Unitas' leadership and passing skills helped change the game of football;

Whereas throughout his life, Unitas defined humility, grace, and determination;

Whereas in 1955 Unitas played for the love of the sport of football, earning just \$6 per game as a player in the Greater Pittsburgh Football League;

Whereas Unitas led the Baltimore Colts over the New York Giants for the 1958 NFL championship in what came to be known as "The Greatest Game Ever Played" and

quarterbacked the Colts to a 2nd consecutive title in 1959;

Whereas Unitas threw a touchdown pass in the Colts victory over the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl V;

Whereas when Unitas retired from the NFL in 1974, he held 22 NFL records, including the record of 47 consecutive games with a touchdown pass;

Whereas Unitas was named Player of the Year in 1959, 1964, and 1967, and played in 10 Pro Bowls;

Whereas Unitas completed 2,830 of 5,186 passes for 40,239 yards and 290 touchdowns during his career;

Whereas Unitas was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979;

Whereas Unitas was named the “Greatest Player in the First 50 Years of Pro Football”, and named to the NFL’s 75th Anniversary Team;

Whereas throughout his career Unitas played for the love of the game, his city, and its fans;

Whereas Unitas established the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, supported cystic fibrosis research, and with his wife Sandra, sought to assist victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

Whereas Unitas’ compassion and sense of charity gave hope to those in need in Baltimore and throughout the Nation:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the remarkable life of Johnny

3 Unitas and his indelible impression on the City of

4 Baltimore;

1 (2) honors him for his leadership, sportsman-
2 ship, and outstanding achievements on the football
3 field;

4 (3) recognizes his remarkable spirit and tireless
5 work to improve the lives of those in need; and

6 (4) extends its heartfelt condolences to the fam-
7 ily of Johnny Unitas on his passing.

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