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HOUSE MEMORIAL 25

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A MEMORIAL

CONGRATULATING BILLY JENKINS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PLAY IN THE
2000 SUPER BOWL.

WHEREAS, Billy Jenkins, a native of Albuquerque, was the
starting safety for the world champion St. Louis Rams in the
2000 super bowl; and

WHEREAS, Billy Jenkins was an honors program student at
Albuquerque high school, completing enriched courses in math
and English; and

WHEREAS, he earned letters in football, track and
wrestling, but still devoted enough time to his studies to
get into college; and

WHEREAS, Billy Jenkins also devoted considerable time to
the study of karate under sensei Herbert Edmond of the Isshin
Ryu club in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, many teachers and coaches played important
roles in his early athletic career, including Kelly Wilson,

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1 now coaching at Rio Grande high; and

2 WHEREAS, Billy was named to the all-city, the all-
3 district and the all-state football teams in his senior year
4 and scored the only touchdown, enabling the north team to win
5 the annual high school north-south game; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended Howard university, winning a full
7 football scholarship as a "walk-on" player, was named to the
8 all-conference team and helped lead the team to the all-Black
9 college national football championship in 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, his outstanding play earned him a quick draft
11 choice by the St. Louis Rams after his graduation from
12 Howard; and

13 WHEREAS, Billy's mother, Marita Ponder, and aunt,
14 Patricia French, are proud and honored that the star
15 Albuquerque football player has overcome so many obstacles in
16 his life to achieve excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, Billy Jenkins still makes his home in
18 Albuquerque, providing opportunity for his continuing service
19 as a role model for Albuquerque youth;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Billy Jenkins
22 be congratulated for his outstanding play as a starting
23 defensive safety for the St. Louis Rams in their victory in
24 the 2000 super bowl; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
sent to Billy Jenkins, his mother, Marita Ponder, and his
aunt, Patricia French.

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