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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 79

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CAPITOL RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HONORING NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME TOMMY McDONALD.

WHEREAS, Tommy McDonald of Roy, New Mexico, is the only New Mexican to be inducted into the national football league hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, Tommy McDonald's sportsmanship, determination and resilience personified the spirit of New Mexico, as he leapt to his feet following every hit, snagged seemingly every pass that was thrown his way and outran frustrated defenders; and

WHEREAS, at five feet, nine inches tall and just one hundred seventy-two pounds, Tommy McDonald is the smallest player enshrined in the national football league hall of fame, but arguably has the biggest heart of anyone who ever played

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1 the game; and

2 WHEREAS, Tommy McDonald drew praise from legends of the
3 game such as Vince Lombardi, who said he could have won a
4 championship every year if he had eleven Tommy McDonalds to
5 take the field; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1961, Tommy McDonald caught sixty-four passes
7 for one thousand one hundred forty four yards and thirteen
8 touchdowns – leading the league in all three categories; and

9 WHEREAS, the following season, in 1962, Tommy McDonald
10 caught fifty-eight passes for a national football league best
11 one thousand one hundred forty-six yards and ten more
12 touchdowns; and

13 WHEREAS, during his career, Tommy McDonald played for the
14 Cowboys, Rams, Falcons and Browns; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council has
16 instituted a policy by which New Mexicans may be recognized in
17 the capitol and capitol north upon the recommendation of the
18 capitol recognition subcommittee of the legislative council;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tommy McDonald be recognized by the
21 legislature and thanked for his stellar representation of the
22 state of New Mexico during his career in the national football
23 league; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
25 council be requested to forward to the capitol recognition

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1 subcommittee the recommendation that Tommy McDonald be
2 considered for suitable permanent recognition in the capitol
3 or capitol north; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to Tommy McDonald and to the director of the
6 legislative council service.

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