

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92-4733, by Representatives Mielke, Paris, Dellwo, Ferguson and D. Sommers

WHEREAS, Mark Rypien led the Washington Redskins to a 37-24 win over the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXVI; and

WHEREAS, On January 26, 1992, Mark Rypien was named Super Bowl XXVI's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, He completed eighteen of thirty-three passes for two hundred ninety-two yards, four of which were key plays that led to Redskins touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, The success of Mark Rypien in leading the Redskins of Washington, D.C. to a Super Bowl win does not come as a surprise to the residents of this, the other Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mark was raised in Spokane, and graduated from Shadle Park High school in 1981, where he starred in basketball; and

WHEREAS, He helped lead the Shadle Park Highlanders to the AAA State Basketball Title in 1981; and

WHEREAS, He was named the 1981 AAA State Basketball Tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Mark attended Washington State University and thrilled the observers of Pacific 10 football with his strong and powerful passing arm; and

WHEREAS, Mark earned first-team All-Pacific 10 Conference honors in 1984; and

WHEREAS, He returned to the game of football at Washington State University after suffering a broken collarbone as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, His four hundred three yards passing against Oregon in 1985 still stands as a single-game record at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, In 1986 he was drafted into the National Football League by the Washington Redskins; and

WHEREAS, He grew up in a modest home on Spokane's north side with his brothers and sisters, Tim, David, Shannon, and Colleen, and his parents, Bob and Terry, who all taught him winning values in an atmosphere of giving, sharing, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, He continues to remain humble and gracious despite his success as the Washington Redskins quarterback; and

WHEREAS, He shows great generosity towards his family and others; and

WHEREAS, It has been his lifelong dream to play in and lead his teammates to a Super Bowl win; and

WHEREAS, Through hard work, courage, and determination Mark Rypien has made his dream come true;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this day, we, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, honor a man who has come to be known as one of the Nation's Best Athletes, Mark Rypien, in order to call to the attention of all Washingtonians his drive and enthusiasm to achieve his very highest goals and aspirations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mark Rypien, his parents, and Shadle Park High School.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4733 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 5, 1992.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk