

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND TURNER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Frederick "Fred" Rudolph Dean

A RESOLUTION

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2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Frederick  
3 "Fred" Rudolph Dean.

4 WHEREAS, Fred Dean was born on February 24, 1952, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to  
5 Rual Dean and Rosie Giles Dean; he is a graduate of Ruston High School and Louisiana  
6 Tech University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dean was a standout defensive tackle for the Louisiana Tech  
8 football team; he was a four-time all-conference selection and two-time conference  
9 defensive player of the year in the Southland Conference; during his senior year, he was  
10 selected as a second-team All-American; and

11 WHEREAS, Fred was selected in the second round of the 1975 National Football  
12 League (NFL) draft by the San Diego Chargers; he spent the first six years of his NFL career  
13 as a member of the Chargers, winning two divisional titles and being named to two Pro  
14 Bowls and one All-Pro team; and

15 WHEREAS, Fred Dean was traded to the San Francisco 49ers during the 1981  
16 season; the Chargers decision to trade him has been called "perhaps the biggest blunder in  
17 franchise history", which highlights his incredible talent; during his first season in San  
18 Francisco, he helped lead the 49ers to a victory in Super Bowl XVI and was named the NFC  
19 Defensive Player of the Year; he would go on to help the 49ers capture another  
20 championship in Super Bowl XIX; and

1           WHEREAS, Fred Dean's legacy has been immortalized since his retirement in 1985;  
2 in 2008, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; he has also been named to the  
3 Chargers' 40th and 50th anniversary teams, the Chargers Hall of Fame, and the 49ers Hall  
4 of Fame; he has long been a member of the Louisiana Tech University Athletic Hall of Fame  
5 and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2009, he was elected into the College Football  
6 Hall of Fame; and

7           WHEREAS, after his football career ended, Mr. Dean obtained a master's degree in  
8 theology from United Theological Seminary and Bible College in Monroe, Louisiana; he  
9 then served as pastor of New Nature Ministries in Ruston; and

10           WHEREAS, Fred Dean is survived by his wife, Pamela Massie; his children, Mason  
11 Dean, Fred Dean, Jr., Fredericka White, Fredia Stringfellow, Keith Bolds, Brandon Dean,  
12 and Amanda Beach Dean; his brother, James Earl Dean; sisters, Dessie Pruitt and Dorothy  
13 Dean; fifteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

14           WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Rudolph Dean was a Louisiana legend and he will be  
15 deeply missed.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Frederick  
18 "Fred" Rudolph Dean; does hereby recognize his many incredible achievements as a college  
19 and professional football player; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his  
20 family and friends find comfort during this difficult time.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 family of Frederick "Fred" Rudolph Dean.

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#### DIGEST

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Jefferson

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