

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND TURNER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES