

1 school ever to be selected in the first round of the National Football League draft, going to
2 the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the seventeenth selection overall; and

3 WHEREAS, in Coach Williams' professional football career, he played for the
4 Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Washington Redskins of the National Football League and
5 for the Oklahoma Outlaws of the United States Football League; and

6 WHEREAS, one of the most notable achievements of Coach Williams' career was
7 becoming the first black quarterback to start in and win a Super Bowl; in Super Bowl XXII,
8 he led his Washington Redskins to a 42-10 victory over the Denver Broncos; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Williams became the first black quarterback to ever be named
10 the Most Valuable Player of a Super Bowl game; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1997, Coach Williams returned to Grambling as head football coach,
12 succeeding the legendary Eddie Robinson; his team went 10-2 in 2000 and 11-1 in 2001 and
13 won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship both years; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Williams rejoined the Buccaneers as a personnel executive, and
15 in 2009, he was promoted to the director of professional scouting; on June 21, 2010, it was
16 announced that he would become General Manager of the Norfolk expansion franchise in
17 the United Football League; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2011, Coach Williams returned for his second stint as the head
19 football coach at Grambling, and under his leadership, the Tigers won the State Farm Bayou
20 Classic, the SWAC Western Division, and the SWAC Championship for the 2011 season;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, though Coach Williams is perhaps best known for his accomplishments
23 on the field, his contributions off the field also are notable, including his work in providing
24 scholarships for high school students through the Doug Williams Foundation, service on the
25 Louisiana governor's council to combat drug and alcohol abuse, and his active work with
26 youth and charitable groups; and

27 WHEREAS, his charitable work has earned him numerous awards, including being
28 named Washingtonian of the Year and receiving the Generous Hearts Award and the Boys
29 Club Congressional Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Doug Williams, a champion, a natural leader, a trailblazer, and the head
2 football coach of his beloved Grambling State Tigers, has defied the odds and has fulfilled
3 not only his dreams but those of many others; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Williams is being honored by the Grambling University National
5 Alumni Association (GUNNA) Ruston Chapter at its annual gala on June 8, 2013.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Doug Williams for his many contributions
8 to the Grambling State University football program, to his fellow citizens, and to the state
9 of Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the special place he has in the
10 annals of Louisiana history, and does hereby commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of
11 his selection as the first black quarterback to be named Most Valuable Player of a Super
12 Bowl game.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to Doug Williams.

DIGEST

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