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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE CLIFF HARRIS FOR HIS UPCOMING INDUCTION  
INTO THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

### Subtitle

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UPCOMING INDUCTION INTO THE PROFESSIONAL  
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Mr. Cliff Harris will be inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in August 2021 and will be only the eighth Arkansan to be inducted into the prestigious club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1948, and began his football career as a starter for Hot Springs High School as a junior before transferring and finishing at Des Arc High School, where he led the team to an undefeated season before graduating in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris continued his football career by accepting a scholarship at Ouachita Baptist University, his only offer, where he was a stellar defensive back and named to the All-AIC team for his last two (2) years of college; and

WHEREAS, because of his speed, intensity, and savage tackling, Mr. Harris drew attention from several professional football teams across the country, ultimately being offered and agreeing to a contract with the Dallas Cowboys for a five-hundred-dollar signing bonus, a starting salary of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500), a second-year salary of



fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500), and a third-year salary of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500); and

WHEREAS, the deal with Dallas turned out to be quite the bargain for the team, as the investment paid off quickly – Mr. Harris was the starting safety for ten (10) years with the Cowboys, was dubbed "Captain Crash" by his teammates, and was one (1) of Dallas's all-time greats; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris appeared in five (5) Super Bowls, was selected to six (6) consecutive Pro Bowls, was a four-time first team All-Pro, and was a member of the All-Decade Team in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the upcoming induction into the Professional Football Hall of Fame, Mr. Harris has been inducted into other athletic halls of fame, including the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame, and the Ouachita Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of his illustrious career was the naming of Ouachita Baptist University football stadium as the Cliff Harris Stadium,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate Mr. Cliff Harris on his career and his upcoming induction into the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of the resolution be provided to Mr. Cliff Harris by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.