

Senate Resolution 29

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Otis Sistrunk; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Columbus native Otis Sistrunk, a Spencer High School standout in the 1960s
3 who starred in the NFL, has been voted into the inaugural class of the Georgia High School
4 Football Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Otis Sistrunk was a starting lineman as a sophomore and junior with a
6 reputation as a dominant player, but he was ineligible as a senior because of the age limit;
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8 WHEREAS, after serving with the United States Marines, he started playing semipro football
9 at age 21; he played in the Continental Football League before signing with the Oakland
10 Raiders in 1972 and playing in seven NFL seasons, starting all 98 games; and

11 WHEREAS, Sistrunk was selected to the Pro Bowl team and second team-All Pro in 1974;
12 he started at right defensive end for the Super Bowl champion Raiders during the 1976
13 season; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame board members began
15 submitting nominations in early spring and held committee votes and appeals before the final
16 ballot was narrowed down to 100 names; and

17 WHEREAS, after the ballot was set, each board member was required to vote for a minimum
18 of two players from each of the eight eras: pre-1950s, 1950s, 1960s, the Georgia
19 Interscholastic Association, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this
21 accomplished and gifted athlete, as well as the pride, honor, and respect he has brought to
22 himself, his state, and his community, be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Otis Sistrunk on being voted into the inaugural class of the Georgia
25 High School Football Hall of Fame and extend best wishes for success in the future.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Otis Sistrunk.