

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CONGRATULATING JERRY KRAMER ON HIS
INDUCTION INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Gerald Louis "Jerry" Kramer was born on January 23, 1936, in Montana, then moved with his family to Utah before settling in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Kramer graduated from Sandpoint High School in 1954, attended the University of Idaho on a football scholarship playing guard and kicker, and was selected as Idaho's first All-American as an honorable mention in 1956 and as first-team in 1957. After graduating in 1957, he was selected to play in the College All-Star game, defeating the defending NFL champion Detroit Lions; and

WHEREAS, Jerry also lettered on the University of Idaho Vandals' track and field team, where he set the school record in the shot put, and he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable athletic achievements were recognized by the University of Idaho when they inducted him as a charter member into the Vandal Athletics Hall of Fame and they retired his uniform number "64"; and

WHEREAS, he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers as the 39th overall pick in the 1958 NFL Draft and went on to play for them for 11 years as a stand-out offensive guard during the Vince Lombardi era, playing 129 regular season games and enduring 22 surgeries, helping the Packers win five NFL championships, plus wins in Super Bowls I and II, while also being selected to the All-Pro five times and to the NFL's 50th Anniversary Team in 1969; and

WHEREAS, he collaborated with Dick Schaap on the best-selling book "Instant Replay," wrote "Farewell to Football" and "Distant Replay," edited "Lombardi: Winning is the Only Thing," released the CD "Inside the Locker Room" that includes Vince Lombardi's Super Bowl II locker room address, and also worked as a color commentator on CBS National Football League telecasts; and

WHEREAS, he was a finalist for the NFL Hall of Fame eleven times, the first time in 1997; in 2009, he was rated No. 1 in the NFL Network's Top 10 players not in the Hall of Fame, and was the only member of the NFL's 50th anniversary team not in the Hall of Fame until he was finally selected; and

WHEREAS, Idaho football legend Jerry Kramer was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on February 3, 2018, ending a decades-long controversy, and is the second Idaho native selected for the Hall of Fame, along with free safety Larry Wilson (Rigby) of the St. Louis Cardinals who was inducted in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Kramer will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on August 4, 2018, as part of an eight-man class, along with linebacker Robert Brazile, defensive back Brian Dawkins, linebacker Ray Lewis, wide receiver Randy

1 Moss, wide receiver Terrell Owens, linebacker Brian Urlacher, and football
2 executive Bobby Beathard.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
4 Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
5 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature congratulates
6 Jerry Kramer on his selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and commends
7 him for being a patient and sportsmanlike athlete beloved among his fans, for
8 his lifelong achievements in sports, entertainment and writing, and for his
9 leadership in the football industry and in the state.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby designates August
11 23, 2018, as "Gerald Louis 'Jerry' Kramer Day" in Idaho, in honor of his offi-
12 cial induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.