

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Y.A. Tittle on being selected to receive an LSU College of Education Alumni Distinction Award.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2011, the Louisiana State University College of Education will host an awards banquet and among the honorees will be Y. A. Tittle, who will receive the College of Education Alumni Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, Yelberton Abraham "Y.A." Tittle, Jr., was born on October 24, 1926, in Marshall, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he was a celebrated recruiting catch for the LSU Tigers, mainly because an older brother, Jack, had played for Tulane; and

WHEREAS, when asked what was his finest moment of his four years at LSU, Tittle said defeating Tulane as a freshman, in 1944, when the Tigers won 25-6, one of two victories in a 2-5-1 season; and

WHEREAS, his most embarrassing moment as a Tiger came as a senior in 1947, in a 20-18 loss to Ole Miss at Tiger Stadium, in which Tittle intercepted a Charley Conerly pass and was headed for the end zone when an Ole Miss player grabbed him by his belt causing the belt to break and Tittle's pants began to fall and he was tackled; and

WHEREAS, Tittle was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1947 Cotton Bowl Classic, which ended in a scoreless tie between LSU and Arkansas during an ice storm; and

WHEREAS, in his LSU career, Tittle set more than four passing records; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Minnette DeLoach, married in 1948 and they have four children; and

WHEREAS, after his college career, Tittle was drafted in the first round by the Baltimore Colts of the All American Football Conference (AAFC); and

WHEREAS, he played professionally for the Colts of the AAFC in 1948, being named the league's Rookie of the Year, and 1949, before moving to the National Football League with the Baltimore Colts (1950), San Francisco 49ers (1951-1960) and New York Giants (1961-1964); and

WHEREAS, he was the first New York Giants quarterback to pass for over 400 yards in a game and, in the NFL All-Time Rankings, is 29th in pass attempts (4,395), 36th in pass completions (2,427), 23rd in passing yards (33,070), 16th in touchdown passes (242), 31st in yards per pass completion (13.6), and 94th in passing yards per game (162.9); and

WHEREAS, although Tittle never won an NFL championship, he did lead the Giants to three straight Eastern Division titles and was the first of only seven quarterbacks in NFL history to have achieved consecutive 30-touchdown passing seasons; in 1963, set an NFL record by throwing 36 touchdown passes, a record that stood until 1984; was named the NFL Most Valuable Player in 1961 and 1963; named to the All-NFL Team in 1957, 1961, 1962, and 1963; and elected to seven Pro Bowls; and

WHEREAS, Tittle interrupted his professional football career to complete his course work to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in health, physical and safety education from the College of Education in 1950; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from football, he founded a highly successful insurance agency bearing his name, Y.A. Tittle & Associates Insurance Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Y.A. Tittle on being selected to receive the LSU College of Education Alumni Distinction Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Y.A. Tittle.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES