

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 27

Urging Tom Flores be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. BARRAGÁN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Urging Tom Flores be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Whereas Tom Flores was born on March 21, 1937, in Fresno, California;

Whereas Tom Flores attended Sanger High School, home of the Apaches, from 1950 to 1954, and was voted Sanger Athlete of the Year in 1954;

Whereas, from 1954 to 1956, Tom Flores played as quarterback and earned his associate's degree from Fresno City College;

Whereas Tom Flores played as quarterback and graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1958;

Whereas, in 1960, Tom Flores began his professional football career as a quarterback with the Oakland Raiders;

Whereas Tom Flores was the first Hispanic starting quarterback in professional football history;

Whereas, in 1969, Tom Flores signed with the Kansas City Chiefs, where he was a member of the Super Bowl championship team;

Whereas Tom Flores retired after the 1970 season, as the fifth leading passer in the American Football League's (AFL) history;

Whereas Tom Flores continued his professional football career as an assistant coach for the Buffalo Bills and the Oakland Raiders;

Whereas, in 1977, Tom Flores won Super Bowl XI as an assistant coach of the Oakland Raiders under John Madden;

Whereas, in 1979, Tom Flores became the head coach of the Oakland Raiders;

Whereas, in 1981, Tom Flores won Super Bowl XV as head coach of the Oakland Raiders;

Whereas, in 1981, Sanger High School named their football stadium in honor of Tom Flores, and it is now known as the Tom Flores Stadium;

Whereas, in 1982, Tom Flores was named National Football League Coach of the Year;

Whereas, in 1984, Tom Flores won Super Bowl XVIII as head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders;

Whereas, in 1988, Tom Flores was inducted into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame;

Whereas, in 1989, Tom Flores left the Raiders organization and became president and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks;

Whereas, beginning in 1992, Tom Flores was the head coach of the Seattle Seahawks for three seasons;

Whereas, in 1993, Tom Flores founded the Tom Flores Youth Foundation, which has raised nearly \$2,000,000 to support the Sanger Unified School District in science, art, and athletics;

Whereas, in 2010, Tom Flores was named one of Fresno City College's 100 Centennial Stars;

Whereas, from 1997 to 2018, Tom Flores served as a commentator for the Raiders Radio Network;

Whereas Tom Flores left professional football with a lifetime coaching record 97–87, as well as an 8–3 playoff record, with two Super Bowl victories;

Whereas Tom Flores is only one of two people in National Football League (NFL) history to win multiple Super Bowls as a player, an assistant coach, and a head coach;

Whereas Tom Flores was the first Hispanic quarterback in the AFL, the first Hispanic coach to win a Super Bowl, and in Seattle, the first Hispanic general manager in the NFL; and

Whereas Tom Flores has made invaluable contributions to his community, State, and the National Football League:  
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges
- 2 Tom Flores be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of
- 3 Fame.

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