

House Resolution 511

By: Representatives Purcell of the 147th and Barnard of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Curtis Dustin "Dusty" Zeigler; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in the mid-90s, Curtis Dustin "Dusty" Zeigler was a rangy kid on the Effingham
3 County High School football team, "the best football player Effingham County had ever
4 had," recalls then-Rebel coach Bob Griffith, but despite his obvious talent as the best natural
5 blocker many coaches had ever seen, college recruiters were concerned with his "emaciated"
6 six foot, five inch, 215 pounds frame, but after one look at David Zeigler, Dusty's hefty
7 father, Notre Dame recruiter Rich Grinder knew he had a talented youngster with the right
8 genes for the job; and

9 WHEREAS, Notre Dame offered Dusty a scholarship and all he could eat, and the
10 university's faith and Dusty's hard work were rewarded by an outstanding college career
11 during which he played every offensive line position and was one of five Irish captains as a
12 senior and earned second team All-America honors by UPI and first-team All Independent
13 by Football News in 1995, and in 1994, he started every game and logged more minutes than
14 any Irish lineman; and

15 WHEREAS, drafted by the Buffalo Bills, Dusty again found himself having to prove his
16 abilities, and he did so in a big way, becoming a starter for the Bills in his second season in
17 the pros in 1997 and starting all 16 games at center in 1998 and 15 games in 1999 at right
18 guard, and in 2000, he went to the New York Giants as a free agent, joining an offensive line
19 that had returned only two starters from the previous year; and

20 WHEREAS, as football fans know, the Giants had a marvelous season in 2000, winning the
21 NFC title and playing in Super Bowl XXXV, and while they lost that match, they will be
22 back next year; and

23 WHEREAS, Dusty and his lovely wife, Elaina, are the proud parents of two sons, Kyle and
24 Trent.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend Curtis Dustin "Dusty" Zeigler for his many
3 accomplishments, both on the playing field and off, and wish him much success in the future.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Curtis Dustin "Dusty"
6 Zeigler.