

House Resolution 1588

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Frazier of the 123rd, Sims of the 119th, Murphy of the 120th, and Smith of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Deon Grant and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Deon Grant is a native of Augusta, Georgia, who began his football career
4 playing at T.W. Josey High School in the 1990's, where as a senior he posted 99 tackles, six
5 interceptions, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, and caught 28 passes for 622
6 yards with eight touchdowns; and

7 WHEREAS, at T.W. Josey High School, Deon was a member of the Academic Decathlon
8 Team and the National Honor Society; and

9 WHEREAS, Deon was the nation's top defensive back recruit when he attended the
10 University of Tennessee; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a first-team All American selection by the Sporting News, Football
12 News, Walter Camp, and the American Football Coaches Association, and a second-team
13 pick by the Associated Press; and

14 WHEREAS, after tying an NCAA record with 11 interceptions as a junior, he was drafted
15 into the NFL and was a second-round pick by the Carolina Panthers in 2000, starting in every
16 professional game he has ever played; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2004, he signed as an unrestricted free agent with the Jacksonville
18 Jaguars where he played for three seasons before signing with the Seattle Seahawks in 2007,
19 becoming the highest paid defensive back in NFL history; and

20 WHEREAS, since April of 2010 he has been playing safety for the New York Giants, and
21 he has achieved his attempt to become the third former T.W. Josey High School football

22 player to be part of a Super Bowl winning team, joining 1991 Washington Redskins tight end
23 Jimmie Johnson and 2006 Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Arnold Harrison; and

24 WHEREAS, Deon Grant has been a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award and competed in the
25 1998 NCAA National Championship and Super Bowl XXXVIII; and

26 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, Deon Grant and the New York
27 Giants won Super Bowl XLVI; and

28 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of this man is a clear indication of the outstanding
29 athletic ability, dedication and hard work, and talents he has honed over his career; and

30 WHEREAS, as this Georgian earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence by
31 performing with courage and precision over years of training and competition, it is
32 abundantly proper that he be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Deon Grant for his years of hard work and perseverance,
35 recognize his outstanding contributions in the NFL and with the New York Giants' Super
36 Bowl victory, and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and
37 time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deon Grant.