

House Resolution 2055

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Watson of the 163rd, Holmes of the 125th, Martin of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charley Trippi; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Charley Trippi is regarded by many as the greatest all-around athlete to
3 ever play for the University of Georgia, and this superstar of the National Football League
4 has generously devoted his time, fame, and renown to help uplift the lives of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Trippi began earning Hall of Fame distinction as a sophomore at UGA,
6 leading the Bulldogs to the 1942 SEC and National Championships and a 9-0 victory over
7 UCLA in the 1943 Rose Bowl, a game for which he was named the game's outstanding
8 player after rushing 130 yards; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945, and returned to UGA to play the final six games
11 of the 1945 season; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Trippi was a unanimous All-America selection in 1946 after leading UGA
13 to a perfect 11-0 record, SEC Championship, and victory over North Carolina in the Sugar
14 Bowl, and led the SEC in scoring with 84 points his senior year, finishing the season with
15 1,366 yards in total offense; and

16 WHEREAS, he was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 1946 and won the Maxwell Award
17 for most valuable player in the country; and

18 WHEREAS, following his collegiate career, Mr. Trippi signed with the Chicago Cardinals
19 and led them to the world championship during his rookie season; and

20 WHEREAS, during his NFL career, Mr. Trippi rushed for 3,506 yards and 23 touchdowns
21 as a halfback, threw for 2,547 yards and 16 touchdowns as a quarterback, and added an
22 additional 1,321 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns; and

23 WHEREAS, he has 1,457 kick return yards and 864 punt return yards and two touchdowns
24 for a total of 9,695 yards in only nine seasons and played defense for two seasons, averaging
25 40 yards per punt; and

26 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including being named into the National
27 College Football Hall of Fame, National Pro Football Hall of Fame, Rose Bowl Hall of
28 Fame, and State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Trippi was an All-America baseball player in 1946 and played with the
30 Atlanta Crackers in 1947 and was the assistant coach at UGA and for the St. Louis Cardinals;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding athletic achievements, it is abundantly fitting
33 and proper that this extraordinary athlete be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Mr. Charley Trippi for his years of hard work and
36 perseverance and recognize his outstanding contributions to the University of Georgia and
37 the Chicago Cardinals.

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 Mr. Charley Trippi.