

Senate Resolution 618

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Kemp of the 38th, James of the 28th, Howard of the 35th and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Orson Charles; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Orson Charles is a distinguished former NFL player, known for his exceptional
3 dedication, perseverance, and commitment to community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Orson Charles utilizes his platform, and the experiences of his youth, as a way
5 to encourage others to overcome adversity, be resilient, and become a leader both on and off
6 the field; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in addition to a monumental NFL career with teams including the Cincinnati
8 Bengals, New Orleans Saints, Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, and the Kansas City Chiefs,
9 Orson Charles is a passionate community leader, real estate builder and developer,
10 philanthropist, speaker, and entrepreneur; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his passion off the field is fueled by the Orson Charles Family Foundation,
12 which is dedicated to empowering and equipping communities for lasting impact; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the foundation aspires to address the needs of single-parent households and
14 low-income families by constructing multi-family complexes, providing essential assistance,

15 and spearheading initiatives aimed at supporting fatherless youth, including providing
16 financial literacy education, organizing football camps, as well as offering mentoring and
17 access to support networks; and

18 WHEREAS, Orson Charles has given inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,
19 and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom which only comes
20 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the
21 many challenges of life; and

22 WHEREAS, Orson Charles's legacy continues to inspire many, both in the realm of sports
23 and within the broader community; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished athlete and community leader be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Orson Charles for his unwavering commitment to the betterment
28 of his community, state, and sport.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Orson Charles.