

## Senate Resolution 521

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Summers of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Leonard Floyd; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Atlanta native Leonard Floyd attended Dodge County High School in Eastman,  
3 Georgia, where he played football as a defensive end and tight end; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a freshman at the University of Georgia, he started in eight out of 13 games  
5 and finished the season with 55 tackles and a team-leading 6.5 sacks; after a successful  
6 sophomore and junior season, he announced his intentions to enter the 2016 NFL Draft; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Chicago Bears selected Leonard Floyd in the first round of the 2016 NFL  
8 Draft and held him for four years until his release on March 17, 2020; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Los Angeles Rams recognized his skill and signed him  
10 to a one-year contract before extending his contract for an additional four years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Leonard Floyd made an immediate impact with the Rams, becoming a key  
12 contributor to their defense, particularly during their playoff runs; and

13 WHEREAS, during the Divisional Round of the NFC playoffs, Leonard Floyd became the  
14 last player in NFL history to tackle Tom Brady in the Rams' 30-27 victory over the Tampa  
15 Bay Buccaneers; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and performance helped the Rams secure a Super Bowl LVI  
17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals with a final score of 23-20, where he contributed  
18 significantly in the defensive effort; and

19 WHEREAS, Leonard Floyd earned a reputation as one of the NFL's premier edge rushers,  
20 registering multiple seasons with double-digit sack totals, including 10.5 sacks in 2021,  
21 which contributed to his standing as one of the league's most impactful defenders; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2023, he joined the Atlanta Falcons, returning home to Georgia and bringing  
23 his veteran leadership and pass-rushing prowess to bolster the Falcons' defense, with hopes  
24 of continuing his winning legacy and contributing to the success of his hometown team; and

25 WHEREAS, Leonard Floyd's accomplishments, including his Super Bowl victory, his  
26 consistency as a pass rusher, and his overall leadership on and off the field, have earned him  
27 the respect and admiration of teammates, coaches, and fans alike; and

28 WHEREAS, his superior skill, strategy, stamina, and control have earned him the respect and  
29 admiration of his teammates and challengers; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this  
31 accomplished and gifted athlete, as well as the pride, honor, and respect he has brought to  
32 himself, his team, and his community, be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize and commend Leonard Floyd for his many outstanding athletic accomplishments,  
35 his success with the Los Angeles Rams, his leadership in securing a Super Bowl LVI victory,  
36 and his exciting return to Georgia as a member of the Atlanta Falcons as well as extend  
37 sincere best wishes for continued success on and off the field.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Leonard Floyd.