



H.Res. 53 – Recognizing the life of Lamar Hunt and his outstanding contributions to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States

Floor Situation

H.Res. 53 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) on January 11, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, by voice vote, on May 1, 2007.

H.Res. 53 is expected to be considered on May 21, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 53 resolves that the House of Representatives, on this occasion less than one month after the death of Lamar Hunt:

- Expresses its deepest condolences to Lamar Hunt's wife of 42 years, Norma, his 4 children, Lamar Jr., Sharon Munson, Clark, and Daniel, and his 14 grandchildren; and,
- Recognizes the outstanding contributions that Lamar Hunt made to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States.

Background

For 40 years Lamar Hunt owned and was a vital participant in the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club and created the Championship Game between the American Football League and the National Football League that became known as the Super Bowl, a moniker Hunt coined. Mr. Hunt advocated for innovative and progressive changes to enhance football in the National Football League, including the installation of the 2-point conversion option for professional football, names on the backs of the uniforms, that the trophy given to the winner of the Super Bowl be named in honor of the late and revered Vince Lombardi, and an additional Thanksgiving game be added to the National Football League schedule.

Mr. Hunt attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and at the age of 27, he created the American Football League and founded the Dallas Texans, which were later renamed the Kansas City Chiefs when Hunt relocated the team in 1963.

On December 13, 2006, Lamar Hunt succumbed to cancer at the Dallas Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas at the age of 74.

Cost

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

Staff Contact

For questions or further information contact Chris Vieson at (202) 226-2302.