

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 573

Honoring the life and achievement of Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach
Donald Francis Shula and expressing condolences to his family on his passing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2020

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted
the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievement of Pro Football Hall
of Fame Coach Donald Francis Shula and expressing
condolences to his family on his passing.

Whereas Coach Donald Francis Shula (referred to in this
preamble as “Coach Shula”) was born on January 4,
1930, and grew up in Painesville, Ohio;

Whereas Coach Shula’s father immigrated to the United
States from Hungary;

Whereas Coach Shula attended Harvey High School and later
played collegiate football at John Carroll University;

Whereas, in 1951, the Cleveland Browns selected Coach
Shula in the ninth round of the National Football League
(referred to in this preamble as the “NFL”) draft as a
defensive back;

Whereas, in addition to playing for the Cleveland Browns,
Coach Shula also played for the Baltimore Colts and the
Washington Redskins;

Whereas Coach Shula—

- (1) began his coaching career at the University of
Virginia;
- (2) also coached at the University of Kentucky; and
- (3) coached as a defensive coordinator for the De-
troit Lions;

Whereas, in 1963, Coach Shula became the youngest coach
in the NFL when he took the head coaching position at
the Baltimore Colts;

Whereas, as the head coach of the Baltimore Colts, Coach
Shula—

- (1) compiled a record of 71 wins, 23 losses, and 4
ties; and
- (2) won the NFL championship in 1968;

Whereas, in 1970, Coach Shula became the head coach of the
Miami Dolphins (referred to in this preamble as the
“Dolphins”);

Whereas Coach Shula remained the head coach of the Dol-
phins for 26 seasons, took the Dolphins to 4 Super
Bowls, and led the Dolphins to victory in 2 of those
Super Bowls;

Whereas Coach Shula led the 1972 Dolphins team to a per-
fect season;

Whereas, in Super Bowl VII, Coach Shula led the Dolphins
to victory over the Washington Redskins with a score of
14 to 7;

Whereas, in Super Bowl VIII, Coach Shula led the Dolphins, the reigning Super Bowl champions, to victory over the Minnesota Vikings with a score of 24 to 7;

Whereas, after 33 years of coaching, Coach Shula retired from coaching in 1995 with the NFL record for most wins by a head coach, compiling a regular season record of 328 wins, 156 losses, and 6 ties and a postseason record of 19 wins and 17 losses;

Whereas Coach Shula was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997;

Whereas, following his coaching days, Coach Shula—

- (1) supported many charities;
- (2) gave generously to his local parish; and
- (3) established the Don Shula Foundation to assist with breast cancer research; and

Whereas Coach Shula, a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, passed away on May 4, 2020, at 90 years of age: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the life and achievements of Pro
3 Football Hall of Fame Coach Donald Francis Shula
4 (referred to in this resolution as “Coach Shula”);

5 (2) expresses condolences to the family of
6 Coach Shula on his passing; and

7 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
8 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
9 tion to—

10 (A) the family of Coach Shula; and

1 (B) the Miami Dolphins.

