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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 267

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Celebrating the life of Lonnie Perrin, Sr.

Patrons—Mundon King, Adams, D.M., Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hayes, Heretick, Hodges, Hope, Kory, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds, Ware and Watts

WHEREAS, Lonnie Perrin, Sr., an accomplished all-around athlete and former member of the National Football League who served young people in Washington, D.C., for many years, died on January 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Lonnie Perrin moved to Washington, D.C., with his family at the age of nine, where he graduated from McKinley Technical High School; he would subsequently accept a full athletic scholarship to the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Perrin's athletic achievements earned him numerous honors, including Player of the Year awards from both *The Washington Post* and *Evening Star* in 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his time at the University of Illinois, Lonnie Perrin persuaded the school to donate 100 tickets per game to disadvantaged youth in the Champaign-Urbana community, earning the Man and Boy Award from the Illinois Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for his efforts; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Perrin was drafted into the National Football League (NFL) by the Denver Broncos in 1976, helping the team earn a bid to Super Bowl XII in 1978; he would later play for the Chicago Bears and the former Washington Redskins, now the Washington Football Team; and

WHEREAS, to honor his feats both on the field and in the community, the mayor of Washington, D.C., Walter Washington, proclaimed July 11, 1978, as "Lonnie Perrin Day," presenting him with the keys to the city; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the NFL in 1982, Lonnie Perrin continued to serve disadvantaged kids as director of recreation and tenant services at Kenilworth-Parkside, and later with local organizations and agencies such as the Children's Rights Council and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Perrin will be dearly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 38 years, Karen; his children, Dawn, LaShawn, Lonni, Lonnie II, Marcus, and India, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Lonnie Perrin, Sr., a respected athlete and a beloved father and grandfather who made many contributions to the Washington, D.C., community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lonnie Perrin, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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