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Honoring the life and career of former San Francisco 49ers Head Coach
Bill Walsh.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2007

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and career of former San Francisco 49ers
Head Coach Bill Walsh.

Whereas William Ernest Walsh was born on November 30,
1931, in Fremont, California;

Whereas Bill Walsh graduated from San Jose State Univer-
sity in 1955 where he was a successful amateur boxer
and wide receiver;

Whereas, in 1955, he married Geri Nadini, with whom he
had 3 children: Steve, Craig, and Elizabeth;

Whereas Bill Walsh began his coaching career at Washington
High School in Fremont, California, and later served as
an assistant coach at the University of California at
Berkeley and Stanford University;

Whereas Bill Walsh served as an assistant coach with the Oakland Raiders in 1966, with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1968 to 1975, and with the San Diego Chargers in 1976;

Whereas Bill Walsh served as head coach of Stanford University from 1977 to 1978 and again from 1992 to 1994, winning the Sun Bowl in 1977, the Bluebonnet Bowl in 1978, and the Blockbuster Bowl in 1992;

Whereas Bill Walsh became Head Coach of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979 and served in that position for 10 years, winning 6 Western Division titles and 3 National Football Conference Championships;

Whereas Bill Walsh led the 49ers to 3 Super Bowl wins in the 1980s: Super Bowl XVI, Super Bowl XIX, and Super Bowl XXIII;

Whereas Bill Walsh was the Associated Press and United Press International Coach of the Year in 1981;

Whereas Bill Walsh ended his professional coaching career with a record of 102 wins, 63 losses, and 1 tie;

Whereas Bill Walsh was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993;

Whereas Bill Walsh developed the innovative “West Coast Offense”, which became widely used by many National Football League (NFL) teams;

Whereas Bill Walsh drafted and developed a countless number of NFL greats such as Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Dwight Clark, Steve Young, and Jerry Rice;

Whereas 14 of the NFL’s 32 head coaches have some connection to Bill Walsh;

Whereas Bill Walsh developed the Minority Coaching Fellowship program to help African American coaches find jobs in the NFL and Division I college football;

Whereas Bill Walsh and the 49ers brought the people of San Francisco together following some of the most difficult times in the city's history and gave them much pride, joy, and excitement; and

Whereas Bill Walsh embodied the qualities of hard work, tenacity, dedication, attention to detail, respect, teamwork, and living up to one's potential: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life of William
- 2 Ernest Walsh, a pioneer in the field of football, a true
- 3 leader and teacher, and a dedicated husband, father, and
- 4 friend.

