

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Michael Joseph Alstott, born on December 21,  
3 1973 in Joliet, Illinois, otherwise known simply as "Mike"  
4 Alstott to his fans, recently led his Tampa Bay Buccaneers to  
5 victory in Super Bowl XXXVII at San Diego, California over  
6 the Oakland Raiders by a score of 48-21; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike broke the game open for Tampa Bay when he  
8 scored his team's first touchdown on a 2-yard run with 6:24  
9 left on the clock in the second quarter to give the  
10 Buccaneers a 9-3 lead before a successful extra point gave  
11 the Bucs a 10-3 lead; and

12 WHEREAS, Mike's success on the football field can be  
13 traced back to his roots in Illinois where he is well-known  
14 for his days as a "Hillman" with the Joliet Catholic Academy  
15 football team, and where he led the Hillmen to the Class 4A  
16 Illinois State Championship in 1990 after he scored the  
17 winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter and completed a  
18 halfback option pass for a two-point conversion giving Joliet  
19 Catholic the lead it would need to secure a win over its  
20 opponent; and

21 WHEREAS, Mike continued his personal success with the  
22 Purdue Boilermakers where he was named the Boilermakers' most  
23 valuable player during his senior, junior, and sophomore  
24 seasons, the only player in Boilermaker-football history to  
25 accomplish the feat, and where he finished as Purdue's  
26 all-time leading rusher with 3,635 yards on 644 carries for  
27 an average of 5.6 yards per carry, and where he finished as  
28 Purdue's all-time rushing touchdown leader with 39; and

29 WHEREAS, Mike began his career in the National Football  
30 League after having been chosen in the second round of the  
31 1996 NFL Draft, 35th overall, by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers;  
32 and

1           WHEREAS, Tampa Bay's choice of Mike paid immediate  
2 dividends as he led the Bucs in yards-per-carry with 3.9  
3 yards and in touchdowns with 6 and as he was only one of four  
4 offensive starters to start all 16 games for Tampa Bay during  
5 their 1996 season; and

6           WHEREAS, Mike has been named to participate in six  
7 consecutive NFL Pro Bowls due to what experts say are his  
8 intriguing mix of swift moves and numbing power that has  
9 helped to cement his reputation as the National Football  
10 League's top all-around fullback; and

11           WHEREAS, Listed at a height of 6-1 and a weight of 248  
12 pounds, Mike instills fear in his defensive opponents,  
13 especially those who are charged with the unenviable task of  
14 having to tackle him; and

15           WHEREAS, Mike has amassed impressive rushing and  
16 receiving statistics during his 7-year career in the National  
17 Football League with 4,530 rushing yards on 1,171 carries for  
18 an average of 3.9 yards and 45 touchdowns and with 1,692  
19 receiving yards on 220 receptions for an average of 7.7 yards  
20 and 12 touchdowns; and

21           WHEREAS, Mike is also known for his charitable  
22 contributions to the community and his involvement with the  
23 Boys & Girls Club with which he established the Alstott  
24 Football Camp in 1997 for youths ages 8-18; therefore, be it

25           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
27 we congratulate Michael Joseph Alstott on his recent Super  
28 Bowl victory and his distinguished career as an amateur and  
29 professional football player and that we are proud of Mike as  
30 a son of Illinois and for the way he represents the hard  
31 working men and women of our home State; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we wish Mike good luck, health, and  
2 continued success during his ongoing career as a member of  
3 the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 furnished to Mike Alstott.