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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate William Niro on his 2012  
4 induction into the Arena League Football (AFL) Hall of Fame;  
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6           WHEREAS, William Niro is one of the original founders of  
7 the AFL; he has spent 25 years contributing to the progress and  
8 advancement of the league; he helped the AFL recently see their  
9 25th anniversary of operations; and

10           WHEREAS, William Niro represented founder and game  
11 inventor, Jim Foster, in formation of the league in 1987; he  
12 founded Gridiron Enterprises, which established the team-owned  
13 AFL with Foster, now-commissioner Jerry B. Kurz, and Mike  
14 Highley in 1990; he also managed the business, legal, and  
15 financial affairs of the league from 1989-1992; and

16           WHEREAS, William Niro served on the AFL Board of Directors  
17 for 20 years from 1990-2010, and still dedicates his time and  
18 effort to the league; and

19           WHEREAS, William Niro was involved in every aspect of the  
20 game other than the play on the field, even putting together  
21 the goal frames at one point; and

1           WHEREAS, William Niro will be officially inducted into the  
2 AFL Hall of Fame the first week of the 2013 season; therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate William Niro on being inducted into the AFL  
7 Hall of Fame and on the AFL's 25th anniversary; and be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to William Niro as an expression of our esteem and  
11 respect.