

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Frenz, Friend, Frizzell, Fry, GiaQuinta, Goeglein, Gregg,
Grubb, Harris, Hasler, Herrell, Hoffman, Kersey,
Klinker, Kromkowski, Kruse, Kruzan, Kuzman, Lawson,
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Mannweiler, McClain, Mellinger, Mock, Moses, Munson,
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M, Steele, Stevenson, Stilwell, Sturtz, Summers,
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Whereas, Professional football came to Indianapolis on March 28, 1984, when owner Robert Irsay moved the Colts from Baltimore;

Whereas, In 1999, the Colts fell two victories short of a trip to the Super Bowl that seemed improbable after a 3-13 finish in 1998;

Whereas, Since their arrival in Indianapolis, however, the Colts have had an up and down road to success;

Whereas, In 1985, the club rushed for a conference-leading 2,439 yards, the fifth best in the NFL; in 1995, the team earned a 9 - 7 record and posted playoff wins at San Diego and Kansas City; but in 1997 and 1998 the team's record plummeted to 3 - 13;

Whereas, Even during the bad times there were hints of the greatness to come: in 1998, running back Marshall Faulk had 2,227 yards from scrimmage to set a club record, and quarterback Peyton Manning set NFL rookie records in every passing category;

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Mora came to the Colts in January 1998 and began to revitalize the team;

Whereas, In his second season as coach, Mora guided his



team to a divisional title in the tough AFC East Division after forecasters had picked the Colts to finish last;

Whereas, Mora, a 26-year coaching veteran before coming to the NFL, reached a milestone in his coaching career just six games into the 1999 season with the Colts' victory over Cincinnati in October - his 100th career victory as an NFL head coach;

Whereas, Only 26 other coaches have reached this plateau in their coaching careers;

Whereas, Coach Mora has competed against 62 different NFL head coaches during his NFL career and has defeated 50 of them at least once;

Whereas, Running back Edgerrin James, the Colts' first round draft pick, set franchise rookie records of 2,139 yards from scrimmage and 1,553 yards rushing;

Whereas, Edgerrin James also set a league rookie record by rushing for 100 or more yards in 10 different games and became the first rookie to lead the NFL in rushing since Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson in 1983;

Whereas, Edgerrin James has received many awards and accolades acknowledging his accomplishments during his rookie year in the NFL, including the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month and the AFC Offensive Player of the Month, making him the only player to win both honors in the same month of the same season;

Whereas, Edgerrin James is the first rookie to win a conference Player of the Month award since the award was established in 1988;

Whereas, In 1999, Edgerrin James was first in the NFL in rushing attempts and rushing yards, and his ten games in which he rushed for more than 100 yards led the NFL;

Whereas, Edgerrin James' rushing yards set a new Colts rookie record and ranked as the second highest seasonal total in club history;



Whereas, Leading the powerful offense was Peyton Manning, who in his second year set franchise records of 331 completions and 4,135 yards;

Whereas, Peyton Manning has been named AFC Offensive Player of the Week twice in his short career;

Whereas, Manning broke the 32-year-old Colts record of Hall of Fame quarterback John Unitas by passing for 404 yards in the 27-19 victory over San Diego on September 26, 1999;

Whereas, Peyton Manning threw a touchdown pass in 27 consecutive games, the second longest streak in Colts history, second only to John Unitas, who threw a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games;

Whereas, Marvin Harrison led the NFL with 1,663 receiving yards;

Whereas, Marvin Harrison set club records with 115 pass receptions, which was second best in the NFL, and nine games with 100 or more receiving yards;

Whereas, Kicker Mike Vanderjagt established a club record by kicking 26 consecutive field goals;

Whereas, Mike Vanderjagt had three game-winning field goals, all of which were on the opponent's home field;

Whereas, In 1999, Vanderjagt led the NFL in scoring with 145 points, another club record, surpassing the 135 points of Cary Blanchard in 1996;

Whereas, The 1999 10-game one-season turnaround represents the greatest one-season turnaround in NFL history;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Colts fans and all of the NFL appreciate the talent of the Colts players evidenced by the fact that four Colts were among the AFC highest vote-getters in voting by the fans for the 50th Pro Bowl;



Whereas, Peyton Manning was the highest vote-getter in the NFL with 124,346 votes, while Edgerrin James finished third with 103,802 votes. Wide receiver Marvin Harrison received 91,818 votes, and kick returner Terrence Wilkins received 18,956 votes;

Whereas, Three Indianapolis Colts participated in the 50th Pro Bowl - Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James, and Marvin Harrison;

Whereas, Not only have the Colts given many hours of exciting football to the fans of Indianapolis and Indiana, but Jim Irsay, President Bill Polian, the coaches, team members, and management personnel of the Colts have contributed much more to the citizens of Indiana in the form of hours of participation in community and charitable events; and

Whereas, The future is looking bright for Indiana and its Colts: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 congratulate Jim Irsay and the Colts on their exemplary season and to
3 thank them for all the entertainment and excitement they have given
4 their fans this season.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim Irsay, Colts
7 owner and CEO; Bill Polian, Colts President; and Head Coach Jim
8 Mora.

