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Whereas for 52 years, Terry Baker held the distinction of being Oregon's only Heisman Trophy winner; and

Whereas Terry Baker won the Heisman Trophy in 1962, becoming the first player west of Texas to do so; and

Whereas Terry Baker was recruited out of Jefferson High School in Portland to play basketball and baseball at Oregon State University; and

Whereas in the spring of his freshman year at Oregon State, Terry Baker was persuaded to join the football team by coach Tommy Prothro, taking over as quarterback on the team in his junior year; and

Whereas Terry Baker played on the Beavers football team from 1960 to 1962, throwing for nearly 3,500 yards and 23 touchdowns and rushing for over 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns; and

Whereas in the 1962 Liberty Bowl against the Villanova University Wildcats, Terry Baker ran for a record-breaking 99 yards for the only score in Oregon State's 6-0 victory; and

Whereas along with his Heisman Trophy win in 1962, Terry Baker won the Maxwell Award and the W. J. Voit Memorial Trophy, was selected as the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year and won 14 player of the year awards; and

Whereas Terry Baker was a point guard for the Beavers basketball team and helped the team reach the National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four in 1962; and

Whereas Terry Baker was the first overall pick in the 1963 National Football League draft and started the first game of his professional career with the Los Angeles Rams; and

Whereas Terry Baker went on to earn a law degree from the University of Southern California and practiced for 40 years before retiring; and

Whereas Terry Baker was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1980 and has also been inducted into the Oregon State University Sports Hall of Fame, the College Football Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame; and

Whereas Terry Baker's number 11 football jersey is the only number to have been retired by the Oregon State football program; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate Terry Baker for his 1962 Heisman Trophy win and for his achievements as a pioneering Oregon athlete on the national stage.

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