

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 32**

Introduced by Sanders, 45; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Kauth, 31; Lowe, 37; Moser, 22; von Gillern, 4.

WHEREAS, Marlin Oliver Briscoe was born on September 10, 1945, in Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, at five years old, Briscoe moved with his mother to Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe attended Omaha South High School, where he played multiple sports, including football; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Omaha South High School, Briscoe attended Omaha University, graduating in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe played quarterback for the Omaha University football team, leading the team to three conference championships and setting 21 records; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe was drafted by the Denver Broncos in the fourteenth round of the 1968 National Football League/American Football League joint draft; and

WHEREAS, On October 6, 1968, Briscoe became the first starting African-American quarterback in the modern National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe threw fourteen touchdown passes in eleven games that year, becoming the runner-up for the American Football League Rookie of The Year award; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe played for five more professional football teams at the position of wide receiver, earned Pro Bowl honors in 1970, and won two Super Bowls with the Miami Dolphins; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe led the National Football League's only ever undefeated team, the 1972 Miami Dolphins, in touchdown receptions with four; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2016, Briscoe was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as an alumnus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Briscoe passed away at the age of seventy-six on June 27, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature honors Marlin Oliver Briscoe's dedication, resilience, hard work, and talent.

2. That the Legislature recognizes Marlin Oliver Briscoe's part in advancing the cause of equality in the National Football League and the United States.

3. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Marlin Oliver Briscoe.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Marlin Oliver Briscoe.