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Senators Schiavoni, Cafaro

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. on his induction into
the 2016 Pro Football Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Edward J. DeBartolo,
Jr., on being inducted into the 2016 Pro Football Hall of Fame;
and

WHEREAS, Eddie DeBartolo is, indeed, deserving of this
prestigious distinction, which has been accorded to him for his
numerous contributions to professional football. A native of
Boardman, he was the owner of the San Francisco 49ers from 1977 to
2000, helping to build a culture of cooperation and teamwork, and
his hiring of Bill Walsh as coach and drafting of Joe Montana as
quarterback led to an unprecedented five Super Bowl victories in
1981, 1984, 1988, 1989, and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Eddie DeBartolo is a remarkable individual, for he
combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of
good sportsmanship to become a truly exceptional team owner. Also
the owner of his family's real estate holding, he operates a
property development and investment firm in Florida, and he is the
founder of a charter high school and a member of the Moffitt
Cancer Center Board of Directors. He is certainly deserving of
high praise; and

WHEREAS, Eddie DeBartolo's exemplary record of personal and
professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and
he has inspired countless people to excel in numerous areas of
endeavor. The respect and admiration he has earned throughout his
lifetime are clearly evident, and his accomplishments and
leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding
reflection not only on him but also on his family and his

hometown; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 29
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 30
Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., on being inducted into the Pro Football 31
Hall of Fame and salute him as a fine citizen; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. 34