

Reps. Richardville, Koetje, Hardman, Howell, Pappageorge, Shulman, Brandenburg, Caswell, Palmer, Nitz, Garfield, Milosch, Hummel, Acciavatti, Bradstreet, Waters, Farrah, Smith, Plakas, Accavitti, Hunter, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen, Julian, Rick Johnson, Ehardt, Shaffer, Meyer, Sak, Clack, Hood, Tobocman, Condino, Phillips, Hopgood, Gleason, Cheeks, Woodward, Zelenko, Kooiman, Gillard, Drolet, Bisbee, Huizenga, O'Neil, Byrum, Voorhees, Pastor, Stewart, LaJoy, Caul, Robertson, Spade, Reeves, Meisner, Murphy, DeRoche, Moolenaar, Taub, Gielegem, Ward, McConico, Wojno, Hoogendyk, Bieda, Farhat, Adamini, Brown, Anderson, Daniels, Stakoe, Dillon and Jamnick offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 372.

A resolution honoring former Detroit Football player Lem Barney.

Whereas, It is with heartfelt appreciation that we honor a player who demonstrated athletic excellence on the field of play befitting the legendary status ascribed to Detroit Lions uniform No. 20. Lemuel Joseph Barney became an instant sensation the first time he stepped onto the field. In his first professional game, Barney intercepted the first pass thrown in his direction from the hand of the legendary Bart Starr of the defending world champion Green Bay Packers. He went on to pick off nine more passes his first season, and was named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year; and

Whereas, In a career that spanned eleven seasons, Lem Barney was named to the Pro Bowl seven times and was voted onto the All 60's team despite only playing three seasons in that decade. His versatility was overlooked at times due to his brilliance at defending against opposing team's passes. Barney served as a punt and kickoff returner, as well as serving as the team punter on occasion. When he retired after the completion of the 1977 season, Barney was the Lions' all-time leader in punt returns, punt-return yardage, and interception yardage; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor Lem Barney of the Detroit Lions. Mr. Barney set the standard for those successive players who donned the No. 20 jersey were measured against.