



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NFL LEGEND TOM FLORES FOR PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispanic/Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to seek the advancement of Hispanic Americans in the areas of education, employment, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Football Hall of Fame (PFHOF) will soon vote on nominees of the National Football League (NFL) for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2019; and

WHEREAS, LULAC is proud to report that this year's list of candidates includes Thomas (Tom) Raymond Flores (Tomás Ramón Flores), a man considered a legend in the AFL/NFL. Flores has been nominated numerous times but despite his undeniable accomplishments, both as a player, assistant coach and head coach, he has yet to achieve the required number of votes for induction into the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, while playing for the American Football League's (AFL) Oakland Raiders in their inaugural year, Flores became the first-ever Latino starting quarterback. Even more impressive, Flores is the first and only person to win four Super Bowls, once as a player, once as an assistant coach, and twice as a head coach, achievements many say deserve greater recognition; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding, Flores is also an integral part of six games played at the highest level, including one AFL Championship Win as a player (before the merger), one Super Bowl Runner Up as a contributor, and four outright Super Bowl Championships; and

WHEREAS, Flores is not only a leader in the NFL, but is also a prideful community advocate and recipient of the LULAC 2017 National Trailblazer Award. Upon receiving this award, Flores explained how his parents' and grandparents' sincere and respectful influences were the driving forces of his historic life's journey; and

WHEREAS, Flores is the first person of color, before any other minority, to accomplish the following:

- Starting Quarterback in Professional Football (1960)
- Quarterback Kansas City Chiefs 1969 AFL Championship
- Quarterback Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl IV Championship
- Assistant Coach Oakland Raiders Super Bowl XI Championship
- Head Coach Oakland / Los Angeles Raiders Super Bowls XV & XVIII Championships
- Front Office
- General Manager
- Team President
- NFL Competition Committee Member (Appointed by Commissioner)
- Contributor in a Super Bowl
- Integral Member of Professional Football for nearly Sixty (60) years – Six Decades

WHEREAS, being the first in each of these important professional sports' categories further reaffirms his leadership and continuous positive impact of the history of the Pro Football to date.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the League of United Latin American Citizens, hereby resolve that Flores' accomplishments cannot be overstated and that as we continue into the 99th season of the NFL. We affirm that it is critically important to give Thomas Flores the recognition he justly deserves as a pioneer and role model to all minority generations and the future professional players to come. He is the oldest living Raider's Candidate, 81 (82 for 2019 Class), and we must, by all humane and respectful standards, ensure that he is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame 2019 Class.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2018 LULAC National Convention on July 21, 2018.

Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President