

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 248

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Commemorates Pro Football Hall of Fame induction of Drew Pearson.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1   **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** commemorating the Pro Football Hall  
2       of Fame induction of Drew Pearson.

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4   **WHEREAS**, On February 6, 2021 it was announced that New Jersey  
5       native and retired Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson was  
6       elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class  
7       of 2021; and

8   **WHEREAS**, Pearson grew up in South River where he played football  
9       as a wide receiver and quarterback at South River High School; and

10   **WHEREAS**, Pearson helped lead the South River Rams to an  
11       undefeated season in 1966 and 1968, and was later offered a  
12       scholarship by the University of Tulsa, where he was awarded the  
13       University's President's Award as the team's "best spirited and  
14       most unselfish" member; and

15   **WHEREAS**, The Dallas Cowboys signed Pearson as a free agent in  
16       1973, where he played for 11 seasons as a wide receiver  
17       accumulating an impressive record of 489 receptions, 7,822  
18       receiving yards, and 50 touchdowns; and

19   **WHEREAS**, As a member of the Dallas Cowboys, Pearson had two  
20       1,000-yard seasons, played in three Pro Bowls, three Super Bowls,  
21       including winning Super Bowl XII in 1977, led the National  
22       Football League (NFL) in receptions with 58 catches in 1976, and  
23       led the NFL in receiving yards with 870 yards in 1977; and

24   **WHEREAS**, Pearson is widely known for catching the NFL's original  
25       "Hail Mary" pass during a playoff game in 1975 after catching a  
26       long pass from quarterback Roger Staubach, a play that was later  
27       named among the Top 75 Plays in NFL history by NFL films; and

28   **WHEREAS**, After retiring from the Dallas Cowboys, Pearson began a  
29       career as a sports broadcaster, providing commentary for a number  
30       of television networks and radio shows, and co-hosting shows such  
31       as Cowboys Weekly and the Dallas Cowboys Post Game Show;  
32       and

33   **WHEREAS**, Over the years, Pearson has been inducted into numerous  
34       halls of fame and societies: Tulsa University Athletics Hall of Fame  
35       in 1985; New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame in 2001; Oklahoma  
36       Sports Hall of Fame in 2008; Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2011;  
37       Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor in 2011; and most recently, the  
38       2021 Pro Football Hall of Fame; now, therefore

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40       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
41       Jersey:

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43       1. This House commemorates and recognizes the outstanding  
44       career of Drew Pearson and his induction into the Pro Football Hall  
45       of Fame.

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