

1 develop his skills and earned second-team All-Southwest Conference honors while
2 competing for the Texas A&M Aggies football program; and

3 WHEREAS, despite going undrafted, Williams demonstrated perseverance and
4 determination by earning a place in the NFL, beginning a remarkable fourteen-year
5 professional career that included 200 games played with 157 starts for the Buffalo Bills and
6 the Minnesota Vikings; and

7 WHEREAS, Williams became widely recognized as one of the league's most
8 effective run defenders and earned selections to the Pro Bowl in 2006, 2007, and 2008
9 during his tenure with the Minnesota Vikings; and

10 WHEREAS, anchoring the defensive line at nose tackle, Williams played a key role
11 in the Vikings' dominance against the run, helping the team lead the NFL in rushing defense
12 for three consecutive seasons from 2006 through 2008 and ranking among the league's top
13 units for several additional seasons; and

14 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Williams recorded 466 tackles, 20.5
15 sacks, nine fumble recoveries, eight forced fumbles, and one interception, demonstrating his
16 versatility and impact on the defensive side of the ball; and

17 WHEREAS, his performance and leadership earned him numerous accolades,
18 including recognition as a second-team member of the 2000s All-Decade Team by Pro
19 Football Reference and the Ed Block Courage Award from the Buffalo Bills in 2003, an
20 honor bestowed by teammates to recognize courage and sportsmanship; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Williams was celebrated for his durability and
22 dedication, collecting an extraordinary thirty-seven game balls awarded by coaches and
23 finishing his final NFL season in 2010 by playing all sixteen games at age thirty-eight,
24 making him the oldest defensive player in the league at that time; and

25 WHEREAS, through hard work, perseverance, and exceptional performance, Pat
26 Williams brought pride to the citizens of Monroe and the entire state of Louisiana while
27 establishing a legacy as one of the most respected defensive linemen of his era.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend Pat Williams on being inducted into the 2026 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall
30 of Fame.

