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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Major League Baseball great and Texas native Clayton  
2 Kershaw realized a highlight of his outstanding career during the  
3 2020 season, when he played an integral role in the Los Angeles  
4 Dodgers' World Series triumph; and

5           WHEREAS, During his team's thrilling run through the  
6 playoffs, Mr. Kershaw posted a 2.93 earned run average over 30  
7 innings; he was the winning pitcher in both of his World Series  
8 starts, including Game 5, a pivotal contest that brought Los  
9 Angeles within one victory of claiming the title; and

10           WHEREAS, Born in Dallas, Mr. Kershaw became a nationally  
11 renowned player while attending Highland Park High School; the  
12 left-handed hurler finished his senior season in 2006 with a 13-0  
13 record and a 0.77 ERA, and he further distinguished himself by  
14 throwing a perfect game in the playoffs in which he struck out each  
15 of the 15 hitters he faced; that season, he was named the American  
16 Family Insurance ALL-USA Baseball Player of the Year and the  
17 Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Kershaw initially intended to play for Texas A&M  
19 University but instead signed with the Dodgers organization after  
20 the team picked him with the seventh selection in the 2006 Major  
21 League Baseball Draft; he was called up to the big leagues in 2008,  
22 at age 20, and three years later was named to the first of his eight  
23 MLB All-Star Teams; over the course of 13 seasons with the Dodgers,  
24 he has compiled 175 wins, 2,526 strikeouts, and the best winning

1 percentage among pitchers with at least 250 decisions; he has won  
2 the Cy Young Award three times and was named the National League MVP  
3 in 2014 after recording a 21-3 record and a 1.77 ERA; and

4 WHEREAS, An accomplished individual off the field as well,  
5 Mr. Kershaw joined with his wife, Ellen, to found the Kershaw's  
6 Challenge charity; the organization's accomplishments include  
7 building schools and homes for orphaned children in Zambia and  
8 helping restore a Dallas community center; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his skill and determination, Clayton  
10 Kershaw has established himself as one of the best pitchers in  
11 baseball while helping the Dodgers become world champions, and his  
12 achievements are a source of tremendous pride to his fellow Texans;  
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Clayton Kershaw on winning the 2020  
16 World Series as a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers and extend to  
17 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Kershaw as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.