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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize DeMarcus Ware on his outstanding 12-season career in the National Football League and on his induction into the Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Cowboys legend and all-time sack leader was recently inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2023, and on October 29, 2023, he will be inducted into the Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor; and

WHEREAS, DeMarcus Ware was selected in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, making him the 11th overall pick in that year's draft; he started all 16 games of his first season as right outside linebacker and quickly rose to prominence for his extraordinary talent, amassing 58 tackles and a team-best of eight sacks; and

WHEREAS, He led the Cowboys for the next seven seasons and was the NFL's leader in sacks in 2008 and 2010; DeMarcus played with the Cowboys until 2013, when he signed with the Denver Broncos; he played three seasons with the Broncos and helped the team reach victory in Superbowl 50 against the Carolina Panthers; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Ware started 173 of the 178 games he played and registered 138.5 sacks; in his final season with the Cowboys, he established the team's career record of 117

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sacks, which still stands today; voted first-team All-Pro four times, he was selected to play in nine Pro Bowls, and he was named a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his outstanding career in professional football, DeMarcus is a devoted and loving father to his son and daughter and an exemplary citizen who gives generously to help others; he is actively involved in a number of charitable organizations dedicated to helping vulnerable children and to fighting hunger and homelessness, and he has been recognized numerous times over the years for his personal accomplishments as well as for his philanthropy and his positive influence in his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend DeMarcus Ware on his many contributions to our state and on his impressive achievements in the NFL and extend to him congratulations on his induction into the Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor and best wishes for continued success in his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.