

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Justin Verlander of the Houston Astros has been
2 named the recipient of the 2022 American League Outstanding Pitcher
3 Players Choice Award from the Major League Baseball Players
4 Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Selected by other MLB players for the accolade,
6 Mr. Verlander was also honored as the 2022 AL Comeback Player of the
7 Year after returning from elbow surgery on his throwing arm; after
8 sitting out most of the 2020 and 2021 seasons, the 39-year-old ace
9 delivered one of his finest campaigns in 2022, notching a
10 career-best and MLB-leading 1.75 earned run average to set a
11 Houston franchise record; he posted an 18-4 record in 28
12 regular-season starts, and he led the AL in wins, ERA, walks and
13 hits per inning pitched, and opponents batting average; moreover,
14 in his 12 starts following a Houston loss, he was 9-0 with a 1.11
15 ERA; and

16 WHEREAS, A crucial component of the Astros' thrilling
17 postseason run in 2022, Mr. Verlander excelled in Game 1 of the
18 American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees;
19 pitching six innings, he recorded 11 strikeouts and allowed just
20 three hits and one walk, becoming the oldest starting pitcher to win
21 an ALCS opener; the 4-2 win sparked Houston's four-game sweep of the
22 Yankees and a coveted berth in the World Series; and

23 WHEREAS, The highlight of Mr. Verlander's 2022 season came on
24 November 3, when he recorded the first World Series win of his

1 career in a 3-2 Game 5 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies;
2 competing in his fifth World Series, and making his ninth start, he
3 threw 94 pitches in five innings to stymie the Phillies' offense; he
4 was the fourth-oldest starting pitcher to claim a win in the Fall
5 Classic, and thanks in part to his vital contributions, the Astros
6 went on to secure the World Series title; and

7 WHEREAS, Justin Verlander has earned the lasting respect of
8 his fellow players and the admiration of countless fans across
9 Texas and the nation, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in
10 recognizing him for his exceptional achievements with the Houston
11 Astros; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Justin Verlander on receiving the
14 2022 American League Outstanding Pitcher Players Choice Award from
15 the Major League Baseball Players Association and extend to him
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 28

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on January 18, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House