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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Matthew Stafford distinguished himself as one of the
2 top quarterbacks in professional football by leading the Los
3 Angeles Rams to victory in the 2022 Super Bowl; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford first gained widespread acclaim at
5 Highland Park High School in Dallas, where he paced the Scots to a
6 perfect 2005 campaign that culminated with the UIL 4A Division 1
7 state championship; continuing his career at the University of
8 Georgia, he garnered All-American and All-Southeastern Conference
9 honors, and he was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the
10 2006 Chick-fil-A Bowl and the MVP of the 2009 Capital One Bowl; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Stafford was selected by the Detroit
12 Lions as the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft; over the course of his 12
13 seasons in Detroit, he helped the Lions advance to the playoffs
14 three times, and he became the team's all-time leader in such
15 categories as completions, passing yards, and passing touchdowns;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford was traded to the Rams in 2021 and
18 quickly transformed the team into serious title contenders; after
19 leading Los Angeles to the NFC West title, he was outstanding in
20 postseason action, collecting his first playoff wins in decisions
21 over the Arizona Cardinals and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and
22 producing six total touchdowns in those contests; he next
23 engineered a dramatic triumph over the San Francisco 49ers in the
24 NFC Championship game, throwing for 337 yards and two scores in a

1 20-17 comeback win that set up a Super Bowl showdown against the
2 Cincinnati Bengals; and

3 WHEREAS, On February 13, 2022, the Rams battled for the
4 championship at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles; with the game on the
5 line and his team trailing 20-16 with less than two minutes
6 remaining, Mr. Stafford demonstrated tremendous poise,
7 orchestrating a 15-play drive that concluded with his pass to
8 Cooper Kupp for the winning touchdown; overall, he completed 26 of
9 40 throws for 283 yards and 3 scores in the 23-20 triumph,
10 delivering the Rams their first NFL title in 22 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Matthew Stafford has inspired football fans across
12 the Lone Star State and beyond, and he may indeed take great pride
13 in his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Matthew Stafford on leading the Los
16 Angeles Rams to the 2022 Super Bowl championship and extend to him
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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