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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas native and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback  
2 Jalen Hurts has proven himself an exceptional leader and role model  
3 over the course of his young but already impressive football  
4 career; and

5           WHEREAS, During the 2022-2023 season, in just his third year  
6 in the National Football League, Mr. Hurts led the Eagles on a  
7 successful quest to reach Super Bowl LVII; there, he turned in an  
8 exceptional performance on the largest stage in professional  
9 sports, running for three touchdowns and throwing for another in a  
10 dramatic showdown that wasn't decided until the game's final  
11 seconds; and

12           WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Mr. Hurts played for Channelview  
13 High School, where he was coached by his father, Averion Hurts; he  
14 emerged as one of the most sought-after quarterback recruits in the  
15 nation and began his collegiate career at the University of  
16 Alabama, earning Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year,  
17 All-SEC, and All-American honors and helping the team claim the  
18 2017 national championship; he transferred to the University of  
19 Oklahoma for his senior year in 2019 and became a Heisman Trophy  
20 finalist after guiding the Sooners to the Big 12 title and an  
21 appearance in the College Football Playoffs; and

22           WHEREAS, Selected by Philadelphia in the 2020 NFL Draft,  
23 Mr. Hurts became the full-time starter in 2021, and his  
24 contributions were key as the Eagles advanced to the playoffs that

1 year; he owns the franchise record for most rushing yards in a game  
2 by a quarterback, and he became the first signal-caller in NFL  
3 history to post 10-plus rushing touchdowns in back-to-back years;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, Since arriving in the NFL, Mr. Hurts has  
6 demonstrated a commitment to advancing equality and giving back to  
7 the community; represented by an all-female management team, he has  
8 used his platform as a star athlete to focus attention on the  
9 contributions of women in sports and in other areas of endeavor, and  
10 he has taken part in the league's My Cause, My Cleats initiative to  
11 support the Women's Sports Foundation; moreover, in 2022, he  
12 organized the Breed of 1 youth football camp for Philadelphia-area  
13 boys and girls; he is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity  
14 Inc., which supports a range of beneficial social initiatives,  
15 including efforts to expand voter registration and to provide  
16 financial assistance to students and to historically Black colleges  
17 and universities; and

18       WHEREAS, Through his hard work, integrity, and dedication to  
19 helping others, Jalen Hurts has set an inspiring example for his  
20 fellow citizens, and his myriad achievements on and off the field  
21 will continue to inspire football fans for many years to come; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor Jalen Hurts for his outstanding  
25 professional football career and his extensive civic engagement and  
26 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

27       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Hurts as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
2 House of Representatives.