

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 2016, the Dallas Wings of the Women's National
2 Basketball Association have brought an exciting brand of basketball
3 to North Texas while demonstrating an impressive commitment to
4 serving the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Originating as the Detroit Shock in 1998, the Wings
6 captured three WNBA championships during the team's 12 years in the
7 Motor City; the franchise relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for six
8 seasons, and then moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in
9 advance of the 2016 campaign; playing their home games at the
10 College Park Center at The University of Texas at Arlington, the
11 Wings have reached the playoffs in four of the seven years they have
12 been based in Texas, including postseason appearances in 2021 and
13 2022; they are currently the only team in the WNBA representing the
14 Lone Star State; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back, the organization
16 established the Dallas Wings Community Foundation to make a
17 positive difference in the North Texas area; the foundation has
18 placed a strong emphasis on serving historically marginalized
19 groups by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusivity; toward that
20 end, the team is committed to empowering women and girls through a
21 range of initiatives, and in 2022, it commemorated the 50th
22 anniversary of Title IX, which enabled women to achieve greater
23 access to athletics and other school programs; in addition to
24 supporting youth sports, health awareness, and education, the Wings

1 have partnered with the Count It Coalition to encourage greater
2 public engagement in elections and to increase voter access and
3 participation; and

4 WHEREAS, Through their determined efforts, the members of the
5 Dallas Wings franchise have served as exemplary civic partners, and
6 all those associated with the team are deserving of recognition for
7 their exceptional work; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend the Dallas Wings organization for its
10 contributions to the community and extend to the team's players,
11 coaches, management, and staff sincere best wishes for the future;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.

Johnson of Dallas

H.R. No. 628

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 628 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House