

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers franchise is celebrating its 51st  
2 anniversary in Arlington in 2023, providing a fitting opportunity  
3 to honor the team on its illustrious history in Major League  
4 Baseball; and

5           WHEREAS, Originating as the Washington Senators in 1961, the  
6 Rangers owe their Lone Star locale to longtime Arlington Mayor Tom  
7 Vandergriff, who began working in the late 1950s to bring Major  
8 League Baseball to North Texas; his efforts finally paid off when  
9 American League owners approved the transfer of the Washington  
10 ballclub to Arlington, and in 1972 the Rangers moved into Turnpike  
11 Stadium; on April 21 of that year, they defeated California in the  
12 inaugural game at Turnpike, which later became Arlington Stadium;  
13 in April 1994, the Rangers christened The Ballpark in Arlington and  
14 competed there for 26 seasons; since 2020, they have played at Globe  
15 Life Field; and

16           WHEREAS, The Rangers have marked many important milestones  
17 over the past half century; on September 27, 1996, the team clinched  
18 its first division title and made more history by winning its  
19 American League Division Series opener in a 6-2 decision over the  
20 New York Yankees; in all, Texas has secured seven division crowns  
21 and made eight postseason appearances, and in 2010 and 2011, the  
22 Rangers thrilled their fans by claiming consecutive AL pennants to  
23 earn back-to-back appearances in the World Series; and

24           WHEREAS, Among the legendary players who have worn a Rangers

1 uniform are catcher Iván Rodríguez and pitchers Ferguson Jenkins,  
2 Gaylord Perry, and Nolan Ryan, all National Baseball Hall of Fame  
3 members; in 1989, Mr. Ryan became the first hurler in MLB history to  
4 record 5,000 career strikeouts, and in 1990 and 1991, he threw two  
5 of his seven career no-hitters with Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers have made significant  
7 contributions to the Lone Star State's proud legacy of athletic  
8 excellence, and all those associated with the organization may take  
9 pride in this notable heritage; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Rangers on their 51st  
12 anniversary in Arlington and extend to the franchise sincere best  
13 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 685

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 685 was adopted by the House on March 28, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House