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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Arlington Renegades XFL football team 2 are visiting the State Capitol on April 18, 2023, providing a 3 fitting opportunity to honor the team as it makes history with its 4 inaugural season; and

5 WHEREAS, The first professional sports franchise to have 6 "Arlington" in its name, the Renegades are one of eight teams 7 playing in the XFL, which returned to action in 2023 after ceasing 8 operation at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; the team, 9 which was previously known as the Dallas Renegades, plays its home 10 games at Choctaw Stadium; and

11 WHEREAS, The Renegades opened their debut season at home on 12 February 18; demonstrating remarkable skill and determination, the 13 team captured a 22-20 victory over the Las Vegas Vipers, thrilling a 14 crowd of more than 12,000 fans; the Renegade players are ably guided 15 by celebrated head coach Bob Stoops and the members of his staff; 16 and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back, the organization is 17 already serving as a positive force in the community; on the 18 occasion of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, 19 20 Renegade players volunteered at Mission Arlington and Coach Stoops 21 helped deliver meals to local families in need; other events have included a cookie distribution event in conjunction with the Girl 22 23 Scouts of Texas and Oklahoma and visits to the Scottish Rite for Children hospital in addition to several opportunities for fans to 24

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1 meet and interact with players; and

2 WHEREAS, The arrival of XFL football in Arlington marks the 3 beginning of an exciting new chapter for the city, and it is a 4 pleasure to join all those associated with the Renegades in 5 commemorating the team's first year in its new hometown; now, 6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Arlington Renegades XFL 9 football team on its inaugural season and extend to the players, 10 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for success; and, be it 11 further

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

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