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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sonny Dykes, head coach of the Texas Christian
2 University football team, achieved great success in 2022, guiding
3 the Horned Frogs to the title game of the College Football Playoff
4 National Championship and earning the Associated Press Coach of the
5 Year honor in addition to numerous other national awards; and

6 WHEREAS, In his first season at the helm of the program, Coach
7 Dykes engineered a remarkable turnaround for his squad; following a
8 2021 season in which they recorded a 5-7 record, the Horned Frogs
9 improved their win total by eight games and were one of the four
10 elite teams to compete for the championship; in the Fiesta Bowl
11 semifinal, TCU became the first team from Texas to win a CFP
12 contest, upsetting the No. 2-ranked University of Michigan
13 Wolverines in a thrilling 51-45 shootout to advance to the national
14 championship game; at the end of the season, Coach Dykes garnered a
15 host of prestigious accolades, including selection as the Coach of
16 the Year by the AP; and

17 WHEREAS, The son of legendary Texas Tech University football
18 coach Spike Dykes, Sonny Dykes began his collegiate coaching career
19 at Navarro College, and he went on to work as an assistant coach at
20 the University of Arizona, Texas Tech, and the University of
21 Kentucky; he took over a struggling Louisiana Tech program in 2010,
22 and in his second season, he was selected as the Western Athletic
23 Conference Coach of the Year as the Bulldogs won the WAC
24 Championship and earned a trip to the Poinsettia Bowl; in advance of

1 the 2013 season, he became head coach at the University of
2 California, and under his direction, the team's offense set a
3 modern-era record for points scored and shattered several school
4 records; his first assignment at TCU came as an offensive analyst in
5 2017, and he then spent four seasons as head coach at Southern
6 Methodist University, where he greatly improved the team's fortunes
7 before taking charge of the Horned Frogs' program; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Big Spring, Mr. Dykes received his
9 bachelor's degree in history from Texas Tech in 1993 and was a
10 member of the Red Raiders baseball team for two seasons; in all his
11 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Kate, and
12 their three children, Ally, Charlie, and Daniel; and

13 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and expertise, Sonny Dykes is
14 furthering the tradition of football excellence in North Texas, and
15 his many accomplishments are indeed deserving of commendation; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Sonny Dykes on being named the
19 Associated Press Coach of the Year for 2022 and extend to him
20 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Coach Dykes as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.