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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The release of the 2023 film *Sweetwater* provides a
2 fitting opportunity to recognize one of its stars, University of
3 Texas Rio Grande Valley alum Everett Osborne, who plays
4 trailblazing professional basketball player Nat Clifton; and

5 WHEREAS, Written and directed by Martin Guigui, the biopic
6 tells the story of Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton and his journey from
7 playing for the Harlem Globetrotters to becoming one of the first
8 Black players to join the NBA when he signed a contract with the New
9 York Knicks in 1950; Mr. Osborne is joined in the cast by Cary
10 Elwes, Jeremy Piven, Kevin Pollak, Richard Dreyfuss, Jim Caviezel,
11 Emmaline, Eric Roberts, guitarist Gary Clark Jr., and Milwaukee
12 Bucks power forward Bobby Portis Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, A Los Angeles native, Mr. Osborne was a member of
14 the Vaqueros hoops squad for two seasons, averaging 4.7 points over
15 the course of 60 games; after graduating from UTRGV with a degree in
16 psychology in 2016, he went on to play professionally in Australia
17 and to compete in New Zealand with Athletes in Action against local
18 universities, clubs, and the New Zealand Breakers Development Team;
19 he began acting at the age of four and has been featured on episodes
20 of *Tyler Perry's Sistas* on BET and *Chicago Fire* on NBC; moreover, he
21 is the founder of the clothing line Brand Evolving; and

22 WHEREAS, Everett Osborne has achieved great distinction on
23 the hardwood and the silver screen, and it is a testament to his
24 talent and dedication that he was selected to depict such a

1 legendary figure in sports history; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Everett Osborne on his starring
4 role in the film *Sweetwater* and extend to him sincere best wishes
5 for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Osborne as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.