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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers franchise is celebrating its 53rd
2 anniversary in Arlington in 2025, providing a fitting opportunity
3 to honor the team on its illustrious history in Major League
4 Baseball that includes a triumphant journey to the World Series
5 championship two years ago; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The Rangers have marked many important milestones
18 over the past half century; on September 27, 1996, the team clinched
19 its first division title and made more history by winning its
20 American League Division Series opener in a 6-2 decision over the
21 New York Yankees; in all, Texas has secured seven division crowns
22 and made nine postseason appearances, and in 2010 and 2011, the
23 Rangers thrilled their fans by claiming consecutive AL pennants to
24 earn back-to-back appearances in the World Series; in 2023, the

1 team closed out a historic campaign with a victory in the Fall
2 Classic, dominating the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-1 in the
3 best-of-seven series to collect the franchise's inaugural World
4 Series title; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the legendary players who have worn a Rangers
6 uniform are catcher Iván Rodríguez and pitchers Ferguson Jenkins,
7 Gaylord Perry, and Nolan Ryan, all National Baseball Hall of Fame
8 members; in 1989, Mr. Ryan became the first hurler in MLB history to
9 record 5,000 career strikeouts, and in 1990 and 1991, he threw two
10 of his seven career no-hitters with Texas; and

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Rangers on their 53rd
17 anniversary in Arlington and extend to the franchise sincere best
18 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the franchise as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.