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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 90th birthday is a special milestone in the life of
2 an individual, and on March 17, 2004, Texas football legend
3 "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh celebrated this momentous event; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Temple, Mr. Baugh was a two-time All
5 American at Texas Christian University in the 1930s and was the
6 number-one draft choice of the National Football League's (NFL)
7 Washington Redskins in 1937; and

8 WHEREAS, Starring on offense, defense, and special teams
9 during his brilliant 16-year career in the NFL, Slingin' Sammy
10 passed and punted his way into the record books, single-handedly
11 redefining the position of quarterback; he also collected an
12 impressive 31 interceptions on the defensive side of the ball; and

13 WHEREAS, The six-time NFL passing leader was inducted into
14 the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and is the only living
15 member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 1963 inaugural induction
16 class; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Baugh became the first quarterback in history to
18 lead his college team to a national championship and his
19 professional team to an NFL championship, a feat later accomplished
20 by fellow Hall-of-Famers Joe Namath and Joe Montana; moreover, his
21 51.4 punting average with the Washington Redskins in 1940 remains
22 an NFL record today; and

23 WHEREAS, To commemorate the 90th birthday of such a
24 distinguished Texan, celebrities and sporting greats from across

1 the country gathered together on March 20, 2004, for "Sammy Baugh, a
2 Celebration of a Living Legend," hosted by Western Texas College;
3 this West Texas barbeque gala featured gridiron greats Don Maynard,
4 John David Crow, and Walt Garrison, and benefited the college and
5 the Boys and Girls Club of Snyder; and

6 WHEREAS, Sammy Baugh is a towering figure in the annals of
7 collegiate and professional football, as well as a source of
8 tremendous pride to the citizens of the Lone Star State, and it is a
9 privilege to honor this venerable gentleman at this time; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the great
13 Sammy Baugh in celebration of his 90th birthday and extend to him
14 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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