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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Major league all-star Jimmy Wynn enjoyed a storied
2 15-year career in baseball, during which he established himself as
3 one of the premier center fielders of his era, and this Houston
4 sports hero is indeed deserving of appreciation for his
5 contributions to professional baseball and the city of Houston; and

6 WHEREAS, Drafted in 1963 by the Houston Colt .45s, the
7 21-year-old rookie center fielder quickly garnered the nickname
8 "Toy Cannon" after recording 5 outfield assists in 53 games; in his
9 11 seasons with Houston, 2 as a Colt .45 and 9 as an Astro, Mr. Wynn
10 set numerous club records, including totals of 1,291 hits, 223 home
11 runs, and 719 RBIs; and

12 WHEREAS, After his trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1974,
13 Mr. Wynn continued to excel, helping his new team to win the
14 National League pennant that same year; he ended the season with 32
15 home runs, 104 runs, 108 RBIs, and 108 walks; he decided to retire
16 three years later, following stints with the Atlanta Braves in 1976
17 and with both the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Brewers in
18 1977; and

19 WHEREAS, The "Toy Cannon" accomplished several significant
20 feats during his career: he set a single-season record of 37 home
21 runs for the Houston Astros in 1967 that would last nearly 30 years,
22 he battled the great Hank Aaron for the home run title that same
23 year, and he was the first batter to smash a homer into the upper
24 deck of the Astrodome; in addition, this dynamic ballplayer greatly

1 contributed to his teams' successes by leading his league twice in
2 putouts, assists, double plays, and walks; and

3 WHEREAS, This consummate athlete has earned many
4 distinctions throughout his career, and, as one of the first star
5 players of the Astros, Mr. Wynn remains a source of tremendous pride
6 to the city of Houston and the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Jimmy Wynn for the
10 accomplishments and honors that he attained during his career in
11 professional baseball and extend to him best wishes for continued
12 happiness in the years to come; and, be it further

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