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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, On October 27, 2002, Abilene's John Lackey helped  
2 lead the Anaheim Angels to a world championship victory, becoming  
3 the first rookie pitcher to win Game 7 of a World Series since 1909;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, John Lackey is the son of Sharon and Derran Lackey,  
6 who were longtime residents of Abilene; Derran Lackey was John's  
7 head baseball coach at Abilene High School; and

8           WHEREAS, A former Abilene High School Eagle, Mr. Lackey was  
9 called up from the Triple-A Salt Lake City Stingers to the big  
10 leagues on June 24, 2002, and earned a spot in the Angels' pitching  
11 rotation; and

12           WHEREAS, The big right-hander compiled a record of 9-4 with a  
13 3.66 earned run average and helped propel his team into the playoffs  
14 and eventually to its first World Series title; he earned two  
15 post-season victories in his role as starter and reliever, and his  
16 memorable performance in Game 7 has established him as a true  
17 big-game pitcher; and

18           WHEREAS, Pitching in the final game of the World Series is a  
19 dream held by countless young men, and John Lackey's exceptional  
20 performance in the 2002 World Series will surely provide future  
21 generations with inspiration to make their own dreams a reality;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby honor John Lackey for his contributions to the success of the

1 world champion Anaheim Angels and congratulate him on becoming the  
2 first rookie pitcher in 93 years to win Game 7 of the World Series;  
3 and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Lackey as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives and Senate.