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H.R. No. 6

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jerry LeVias is one of the most celebrated football  
2 players in the history of Southern Methodist University (SMU); his  
3 achievements as a Mustang remain undimmed by the passage of time and  
4 will be deservedly celebrated on December 9, 2003, when he is  
5 inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

6           WHEREAS, The first African American to play football at SMU,  
7 as well as the first to receive a scholarship in the Southwest  
8 Conference, Mr. LeVias was one of college football's premier  
9 receivers from 1966 to 1968, when he pulled down 155 passes for  
10 2,275 yards and 22 touchdowns; and

11           WHEREAS, This remarkable student-athlete was a consensus  
12 All-American, earned first team All-Southwest Conference honors  
13 three times, and was fifth in the Heisman Trophy balloting after his  
14 senior year; equally dedicated to excellence in the classroom, he  
15 was named to the Academic All-American team in 1968; and

16           WHEREAS, Departing SMU with numerous school and conference  
17 receiving records to his credit, Mr. LeVias went on to enjoy a  
18 six-year career in professional football with the Houston Oilers  
19 and the San Diego Chargers; and

20           WHEREAS, Jerry LeVias was one of college football's most  
21 consistently electrifying performers as a member of the SMU  
22 Mustangs, and it is indeed appropriate that his enduring legacy of  
23 excellence receive special legislative recognition at this time;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby honor Jerry LeVias on his remarkable athletic  
3   career and his upcoming induction into the College Football Hall of  
4   Fame; and, be it further

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