

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Keller High School senior Lyndon LaPlante, who has displayed outstanding perseverance and dedication as a student and as a treasured member of the Keller High School football team; and

WHEREAS, An athlete with Down syndrome, Lyndon truly loves the game of football; he has competed in the Special Olympics, and he has been on the Keller High School football team since he was a freshman; he attended every practice, summer camp, team meeting, and football game for four years and accompanied his team on mentoring visits to elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, He was encouraged and supported in his role on the team by Head Coach Kevin Atkinson, who named Lyndon assistant head coach after his sophomore year; Lyndon ran plays with the team in warm-ups, suited up at games, and was the team's photographer from the sidelines; and

WHEREAS, Asked to go on the field in the fourth quarter of the Keller High School football game on October 7, 2005, Lyndon made an epic play when he took a handoff inside the Keller one yard line and ran 99 yards for a touchdown against Richland High School, bringing more than 4,000 fans to their feet; and

WHEREAS, With his unique skills and abilities, his upbeat and outgoing attitude, and "a heart as big as Texas," Lyndon LaPlante is a fine example for the young people of this state, and he is indeed worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Lyndon LaPlante on his exceptional achievements and extend to him best wishes for success in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate and as a memento of this special occasion.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate