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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Football legend Emmitt Smith is retiring after 15  
2 seasons in the National Football League, concluding a remarkable  
3 career that set new standards for gridiron excellence, and this  
4 occasion offers a fitting opportunity to honor this esteemed  
5 athlete for his many achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, The all-time NFL rushing leader with 18,355 yards,  
7 Mr. Smith also holds the records for career rushing touchdowns with  
8 164 and career rushing attempts with 4,409; he is the first player  
9 in NFL history to record five consecutive seasons of at least 1,400  
10 rushing yards, and he displayed incredible consistency by reeling  
11 off 11 straight seasons of at least 1,000 rushing yards, another NFL  
12 record; and

13 WHEREAS, Drafted in 1990 by the Dallas Cowboys, Mr. Smith  
14 enjoyed a stellar career at the University of Florida and still  
15 holds 58 school records; an NCAA All-American, he was drafted by  
16 Dallas with the 17th pick of the first round and joined quarterback  
17 Troy Aikman and wide receiver Michael Irvin to form an offensive  
18 juggernaut that went on to dominate professional football in the  
19 1990s by winning three Super Bowl championships; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's individual accolades include eight Pro  
21 Bowl selections, the 1993 NFL MVP Award, and the Super Bowl XXVIII  
22 MVP Award; he led the league in rushing four times and set the pace  
23 for touchdowns in 1992, 1994, and 1995, when he crossed the goal  
24 line an impressive 25 times; and

1           WHEREAS, Blessed with a passion for the game that was evident  
2   in both his game-day intensity and his unrivaled work ethic, Emmitt  
3   Smith is retiring as one of professional football's all-time  
4   greatest players; he will be remembered by fans throughout the  
5   world not only for his abilities on the field, but also for his  
6   myriad contributions to helping young men and women achieve their  
7   dreams, and his legacy as an athlete and humanitarian will endure  
8   for years to come; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10   Legislature hereby congratulate Emmitt Smith on his retirement from  
11   the National Football League and commend him for his extraordinary  
12   career; and, be it further

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