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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Derrick Johnson of Waco is the 2004 recipient of the
2 Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Dick Butkus Award, which honor
3 college football's top defensive player and linebacker,
4 respectively, and it is a pleasure to join in recognizing the career
5 of one of the premier linebackers in college football history; and

6 WHEREAS, A team captain for the Texas Longhorns during his
7 senior season, Mr. Johnson was unanimously named Big 12 Defensive
8 Player of the Year and first-team All-American in 2004; he also
9 earned first-team All-American and first-team All-Big 12
10 recognition in 2003 and has garnered numerous other significant
11 awards and accolades during his remarkable playing career; and

12 WHEREAS, During the 2004 football campaign, Mr. Johnson
13 started all 12 games, posting 130 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 10
14 pressures, two sacks, and a blocked extra point; he also caused nine
15 fumbles, setting a single-season NCAA record, and was named Big 12
16 Defensive Player of the Week three times; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's efforts on the gridiron in 2004
18 propelled the Longhorns to a 10-1 regular season record and a berth
19 in the Rose Bowl, where the Longhorns defeated a talented
20 University of Michigan team 38-37; that hard-fought victory helped
21 to cement Mr. Johnson's reputation as one of the most exciting
22 players to don burnt orange; and

23 WHEREAS, A youth and community studies major, this Waco
24 native hopes to teach and coach after completing his professional

1 football career, and although his presence on the Longhorn football
2 field will be missed by fans, coaches, and fellow players, he will
3 long be remembered by those who witnessed the passion, enthusiasm,
4 and skill he displayed each week; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Derrick Johnson for winning the
7 2004 Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Dick Butkus Award and extend best
8 wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavors;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Johnson as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.