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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Over the course of more than four decades, Charles
"Tex" Harrison has spread joy and goodwill as a member of the Harlem
Globetrotters, first as a player and now as a coach; and

WHEREAS, During his 18-year career as a player, Mr. Harrison was recognized as one of the fastest men to ever lace up a pair of high-top sneakers and dribble a basketball; his coaching accomplishments include leading the Globetrotters to a 10-1 record over NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabar's Legendary All-Stars during the Ultimate Challenge Tour in 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, Possessed of exceptional ball-handling skill and 11 rebounding ability, Mr. Harrison was a star at Phillis Wheatley 12 High School in Houston before attending North Carolina Central 13 University, where he earned a degree in physical education and 14 became the first basketball player from a historically African 15 American college to earn All-American honors; and

16 WHEREAS, The tall Texan was invited to join the Globetrotters 17 after facing the team as a member of the College All-American team 18 during the World Series of Basketball in 1954; since then, he has 19 entertained millions of fans in more than 100 countries, rubbing 20 elbows with celebrities, political and religious leaders, and even 21 royalty along the way; and

22 WHEREAS, Tex Harrison has represented the Lone Star State 23 with honor and integrity throughout his long and exciting career as 24 a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, and his efforts have earned

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1 him the respect and admiration of countless fans; now, therefore, 2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas 4 hereby recognize Charles "Tex" Harrison for his outstanding career 5 as a player and coach with the Harlem Globetrotters and extend to 6 him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it 7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for Mr. Harrison as an expression of high regard by the 10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 122 was adopted by the House on March 15, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 122 was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Governor