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H.C.R. No. 122

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, During his 18-year career as a player, Mr. Harrison
5 was recognized as one of the fastest men to ever lace up a pair of
6 high-top sneakers and dribble a basketball; his coaching
7 accomplishments include leading the Globetrotters to a 10-1 record
8 over NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabar's Legendary All-Stars
9 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

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.