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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The electrifying San Diego Chargers running back and  
2 Texas native LaDainian Tomlinson continues to build one of the most  
3 remarkable legacies in the history of the National Football League,  
4 and his stellar performance on the gridiron this season has earned  
5 him recognition as the NFL's 2006 Most Valuable Player; and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Rosebud and raised in Waco, Mr. Tomlinson  
7 attended Texas Christian University, where he set multiple school  
8 and conference records, including the most yards ever gained by a  
9 Texas running back in a single season; also intent on making a  
10 difference in people's lives off the field, he volunteered  
11 tirelessly in the community for such organizations as Boys and  
12 Girls Clubs of Fort Worth and the TCU Community Outreach Program;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Tomlinson brought his greatness to the  
15 NFL, where his stature has grown steadily each year; the Chargers'  
16 all-time leading rusher, he has rushed for at least 1,200 yards in  
17 each of the past six seasons and earned five trips to the Pro Bowl;  
18 on October 16, 2005, he became the seventh player in NFL history to  
19 run for, catch, and throw for a touchdown in a single game, and his  
20 No. 21 jersey is currently displayed in the NFL Hall of Fame in  
21 Canton, Ohio, in honor of his record-setting 14-consecutive games  
22 with a rushing touchdown; and

23           WHEREAS, The year 2006 saw Mr. Tomlinson soar to new heights  
24 as this "triple threat" rushed for a league-best 1,815 yards on 348

1 carries, pulled in 56 receptions for 508 yards, and passed for two  
2 scoring completions, giving him a total of six passing touchdowns  
3 in as many years and placing him second in the record books among  
4 non-quarterbacks; and

5 WHEREAS, Demonstrating remarkable consistency throughout the  
6 season, Mr. Tomlinson recorded 10 games with at least 100 yards  
7 rushing, including nine in a row, and scored two or more touchdowns  
8 in 10 games; moreover, he tallied 31 touchdowns to break the season  
9 touchdown record, garnered 186 points to make the 46-year-old  
10 scoring record his own, and received 44 of the 50 votes to claim the  
11 prestigious NFL Most Valuable Player award; and

12 WHEREAS, Just as he did in his college days, LaDainian  
13 Tomlinson also is making his mark off the gridiron; donating  
14 immeasurable time and resources to serve communities in San Diego  
15 and Texas, Mr. Tomlinson has positively influenced the lives of  
16 countless individuals through his Tomlinson Touching Lives  
17 Foundation, which hosts numerous events that benefit young people,  
18 the less fortunate, and the sick; a strong advocate for young  
19 people, he sponsors an annual golf tournament that funds the "LT  
20 School is Cool" scholarship fund, and Mr. Tomlinson invites 21 area  
21 children, known as the "21 Club," to attend each game and then takes  
22 the kids out for dinner and entertainment after the game; and

23 WHEREAS, LaDainian Tomlinson showcases world-class character  
24 on and off the field, making him an exceptional role model for  
25 people everywhere, and he is indeed a source of tremendous pride to  
26 his home state of Texas; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate LaDainian Tomlinson on being named  
2 the 2006 NFL Most Valuable Player and recognize him for his  
3 outstanding community service; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Tomlinson as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.