

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Individuals who give of themselves to help those in
2 difficult circumstances are indeed deserving of admiration and
3 praise; and

4 WHEREAS, Former Dallas Cowboys football player Everson Walls
5 proved himself a man of great kindness and generosity through his
6 efforts to aid his former Cowboys teammate and close friend Ron
7 Springs, who has experienced serious health problems due to
8 diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, Understanding the severity of his friend's
10 condition, Mr. Walls agreed to donate one of his kidneys so that Mr.
11 Springs could undergo much-needed transplant surgery; the
12 operations took place in late February 2007 and have greatly
13 improved the prognosis of Mr. Springs; as a result of this
14 remarkable gift, Ron Springs is expected to regain the use of his
15 hands, to walk again on his own, and to be able to end his dialysis
16 treatments; and

17 WHEREAS, The bond between these former athletes was forged in
18 the early 1980s when both were members of the Cowboys; Everson Walls
19 began his NFL career in Dallas in 1981 after starring as an
20 All-American defensive back for Grambling State University; in his
21 13 seasons as a professional, he was named to four Pro Bowl teams,
22 led the league in interceptions in 1981, 1982, and 1985, and was
23 recognized as one of the top cornerbacks in the game; he has been
24 inducted into the Grambling State University Athletic Hall of Fame,

1 the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas Black Sports Hall of
2 Fame, and the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, A Dallas native who continues to reside in the
4 Metroplex, Everson Walls hopes that his compassionate action in
5 helping his friend will also work toward a greater good; he and Ron
6 Springs plan to create a foundation that will encourage organ
7 donation, and the publicity surrounding the transplant has already
8 focused attention on this important medical issue; at this time, it
9 is a pleasure to recognize the selfless contributions of this
10 heroic Texan; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Everson Walls for donating a kidney to aid
13 his friend and extend sincere best wishes to Mr. Walls for continued
14 success with his important work; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1942

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1942 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House