

By: Van de Putte

S.C.R. No. 66

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize Tommy Nobis for his remarkable football career with The
4 University of Texas Longhorns and the Atlanta Falcons of the
5 National Football League; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Mr. Nobis compiled one of
7 the most celebrated careers in the history of the football program
8 at The University of Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobis earned all-state honors as a tight end and
10 middle linebacker at Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio
11 before enrolling at The University of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Starting on both offense and defense for the
13 Longhorns his entire college career, Mr. Nobis was a two-time
14 All-American and a three-time All-Southwest Conference player; as a
15 sophomore, he was a vital part of the Longhorns' 1963 national
16 championship team, and as a senior, he won the 1965 Outland Trophy
17 as the nation's best interior lineman and the 1965 Maxwell Award as
18 college football's best player; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobis became the first player ever drafted by
20 the expansion Atlanta Falcons and the number one overall draft pick
21 in the 1966 National Football League draft; in his first year as a
22 professional, he was named Defensive Rookie of the Year and voted to
23 the Pro Bowl; and

24 WHEREAS, Known for his aggressive, competitive style of play

1 and the ferocity of his tackling, Mr. Nobis went on to participate
2 in five Pro Bowls, and he was twice named an All-Pro; and

3 WHEREAS, Tommy Nobis has been accorded numerous honors,
4 including being named to the College Football Hall of Fame, the
5 *Sports Illustrated* 1869-1969 All-Century Team, the State of Texas
6 Hall of Fame, and the Texas Longhorn Hall of Honor; his number 60
7 jersey has been retired by both The University of Texas and the
8 Atlanta Falcons in tribute to his storied career; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobis played 11 seasons for the Falcons and
10 currently serves as a consultant to the team; long known as "Mr.
11 Falcon" because he was the first member of the team, he has now been
12 with the organization for more than 40 years; he is justly deserving
13 of recognition for his stellar football career and his many
14 accomplishments off the field; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby commend Tommy Nobis on his many notable achievements and
17 extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future
18 endeavors; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
20 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.