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## 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

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

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

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WHEREAS, Known for his aggressive, competitive style of play

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and the ferocity of his tackling, Mr. Nobis went on to participate
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.

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President of the Senate Speaker of the House I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 66 was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 66 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor