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1 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
- 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
- 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 Senate.