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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers brought joy and excitement to the
2 citizens of the Lone Star State by winning the 2010 American League
3 pennant and playing in the World Series, and their success
4 represents an important milestone in the team's history; and

5 WHEREAS, The Rangers left little doubt about who would win
6 the American League West Division after they moved into first place
7 in early June and steadily increased their lead during the season to
8 win the title by nine games; the club had 90 wins in the regular
9 season, the third most in franchise history; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas was led by left fielder Josh Hamilton, who was
11 chosen the American League Most Valuable Player and who posted the
12 best on-base plus slugging percentage in the league; designated
13 hitter Vladimir Guerrero had the team's highest total of runs
14 batted in, and he, Mr. Hamilton, right fielder Nelson Cruz, and
15 third baseman Mike Young each hit more than 20 home runs; C. J.
16 Wilson paced the pitching staff with 15 wins, Colby Lewis struck out
17 196 opponents, and Tommy Hunter posted a 13-4 win-loss record;
18 Neftali Feliz registered 40 saves out of the bullpen and was voted
19 the American League Rookie of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, Facing the Rangers in the division playoff series
21 was the very tough Tampa Bay Rays, and it took Texas the full five
22 games to beat them; Mr. Wilson and fellow pitcher Cliff Lee were
23 instrumental in the triumph, as the two hurlers combined to hold
24 Tampa Bay to just two runs in the three games they started; Mr. Cruz

1 and second baseman Ian Kinsler hit three home runs apiece to key the
2 offense; and

3 WHEREAS, In the American League Championship Series, the
4 Rangers met their old postseason nemesis, the New York Yankees, the
5 team that had eliminated them in their three previous playoff
6 appearances in the 1990s; history did not repeat itself in 2010, as
7 Mr. Hamilton bashed 4 home runs, drove in 7 runs, and reached base
8 15 times; Mr. Cruz continued his hot hitting, and the Rangers
9 received two standout pitching performances from Mr. Lewis and a
10 2-hit, 13-strikeout effort from Mr. Lee to beat the Yankees 4 games
11 to 2 and take the pennant; and

12 WHEREAS, With the American League championship in hand, Texas
13 advanced to the World Series for the first time since the ballclub
14 began playing in Arlington in 1972; although the team ultimately
15 fell to the San Francisco Giants in the series, the 2010 campaign
16 showed that manager Ron Washington, general manager Jon Daniels,
17 and owners Nolan Ryan and Chuck Greenberg have established the
18 franchise as a power to be reckoned with, and fans are looking
19 forward to the 2011 season with great anticipation; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Rangers on winning the
23 2010 American League pennant and extend to them sincere best wishes
24 for continued success; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the Rangers as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.