

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the 2010 American League champion Texas Rangers on the occasion of the first World Series appearance in franchise history; and

**WHEREAS**, Originally based in the nation's capital and known as the Washington Senators, the franchise moved to Arlington after the 1971 season and began its history as the Texas Rangers; through the years, the Rangers have appeared in the playoffs three times prior to the 2010 season; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 12, 2010, Major League Baseball unanimously approved the sale of the Texas Rangers from Thomas O. Hicks to the group known as Rangers Baseball Express, led by Chuck Greenberg and Nolan Ryan; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2010 Rangers became the first team in franchise history to win a playoff series when they defeated the Tampa Bay Rays three games to two in the American League Division Series; they went on to avenge three previous playoff series losses to the New York Yankees by defeating them in six games in the American League Championship Series to advance to the World Series; and

**WHEREAS**, These skilled athletes have demonstrated great talent, enthusiasm, and perseverance throughout the year; overcoming a slow start, they ended the regular season with a record of 90-72, winning the American League West Division; team members can take great pride in their outstanding performance; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the superior leadership and expertise of manager Ron Washington and the entire front office, the Rangers

have developed exceptional teamwork and discipline and have laid the foundation for continued success in the years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Arlington and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and Texans across the state are proud of the Rangers for their hard work, their impressive skills, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Rangers on their exceptional season and extend to them congratulations on winning the American League championship and advancing to the World Series; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Harris, Davis

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 25, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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