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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert Griffin III was named the winner of the 2011  
2 Heisman Trophy after leading the Baylor University football team to  
3 one of its best seasons in a quarter-century; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Robert and Jacqueline Griffin, Robert Lee  
5 Griffin III was raised in Copperas Cove, where he was a standout  
6 high school athlete in football and in track; opting to attend  
7 Baylor, he enrolled in the spring of 2008 and immediately proved his  
8 athletic abilities by earning All-America honors in outdoor track  
9 during his first semester at the university; in the fall, he was the  
10 starting quarterback for 11 of 12 games as an 18-year-old freshman;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, After suffering a knee injury during the 2009  
13 season, Mr. Griffin returned in 2010, rested and ready; that year,  
14 he set or tied 11 single-season school records, threw for more than  
15 3,500 yards and 22 touchdowns, and helped Baylor to attain its first  
16 bowl-game appearance in more than a decade and a half; in  
17 recognition of his performance, he was named to the All-Big 12 team  
18 and won the league's Offensive Player of the Year and Comeback  
19 Player of the Year awards; and

20 WHEREAS, Suiting up as a fourth-year junior in 2011, he began  
21 by leading Baylor to an opening-game victory against defending Rose  
22 Bowl champion Texas Christian University and then secured key  
23 conference wins against Iowa State, Missouri, and Kansas; on  
24 November 19, in a game that made Baylor history, he threw a

1 last-second, 34-yard touchdown pass that enabled the Bears to  
2 defeat Oklahoma for the first time ever, and the team ended the  
3 regular season with triumphs against Texas Tech and Texas; in the  
4 Alamo Bowl, this respected athlete closed out his award-winning  
5 year on a high note as he and his teammates knocked off Washington  
6 67-56 in the highest-scoring bowl game in history; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin is renowned for his speed, accuracy, and  
8 ability to throw the ball deep; during 2011, he completed 72 percent  
9 of his passes for nearly 4,300 yards and 37 touchdowns and rushed  
10 for 699 yards and 10 TDs; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his success on the gridiron, Mr.  
12 Griffin excelled in his academic studies at the university, earning  
13 a degree in political science in 2010 and going on to pursue a  
14 master's degree in communications; and

15 WHEREAS, By winning one of the most important trophies in  
16 American college sports and sparking the resurgence of the Baylor  
17 football program, Robert Griffin furthered the Lone Star State's  
18 exceptional tradition of athletic achievement, and his  
19 accomplishments will be remembered for years to come; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert Griffin III on winning the  
23 2011 Heisman Trophy and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
24 future; and, be it further

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