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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A superb Lone Star athlete set a new standard of
2 excellence when Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M University was named
3 the winner of the 2012 Heisman Trophy, becoming the first freshman
4 ever to earn that prestigious award; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Manziel's recognition as the top college player
6 in the nation followed his exceptional debut season as the
7 quarterback of the Aggies; with his gutsy determination and
8 outstanding abilities as a playmaker, he earned the admiration of
9 everyone who witnessed his thrilling gridiron achievements, and he
10 soon became known by the nickname that sums up his no-nonsense
11 approach to the game: "Johnny Football"; and

12 WHEREAS, The son of Paul and Michelle Manziel, Johnathan Paul
13 Manziel was raised in Kerrville, where he was a standout
14 quarterback at Tivy High School; he gained national recognition as
15 a senior and was voted Player of the Year in a national coaches
16 poll; though some believed that he lacked the size to succeed in
17 college competition, he received a scholarship from Texas A&M
18 University and won the starting quarterback job before the start of
19 the 2012 season; and

20 WHEREAS, With his pinpoint throws and elusive running,
21 Mr. Manziel ignited the Aggie offense, and he was especially
22 effective at darting downfield for long gains, leaving defenders
23 scattered in his wake; his breakout performance came in his second
24 game, when he racked up six touchdowns to defeat Southern Methodist

1 University, and Texas A&M went on to tally a total of 217 points
2 while winning its next four contests; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the biggest highlights for this phenomenal
4 freshman came in the showdown with undefeated and No. 1-ranked
5 Alabama on November 10; playing with cool composure in the national
6 spotlight, he directed his team to 20 first-quarter points, and the
7 Aggies knocked off the Crimson Tide by a score of 29-24; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of the 2012 campaign, Mr. Manziel
9 rewrote the record books; he is the first freshman and only the
10 fifth person in NCAA history to compile 3,000 passing yards and
11 1,000 rushing yards in a season; in addition, he holds the
12 Southeastern Conference game and season records for most total
13 yardage, and he set new Texas A&M marks for total yards, rushing
14 yards by a quarterback, and passing yards in a single game; along
15 the way, he led his team to 10 triumphs in the regular season and an
16 appearance in the Cotton Bowl; and

17 WHEREAS, In becoming the second Aggie to win the Heisman
18 Trophy, Johnny Manziel has joined the most elite fraternity in
19 college football, and his accomplishment is a source of great pride
20 and excitement to his countless fans in the Lone Star State; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Johnny Manziel on winning the 2012
24 Heisman Trophy and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
25 success; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Mr. Manziel as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.