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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An athlete, entrepreneur, and advocate for the  
2 children in his Houston community, Dan Pastorini has made  
3 significant contributions to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in California, Dan Pastorini arrived in Texas  
5 in 1971 when he was chosen by the National Football League's Houston  
6 Oilers as the third overall draft pick; the Pro Bowl quarterback  
7 helped lead the team to two American Football Conference  
8 championship games and in doing so, ushered in the "Luv Ya Blue"  
9 years, when the Oilers captured the heart of the entire city; known  
10 as one of the toughest men in the league, Mr. Pastorini played  
11 through the pain of injuries that included a punctured lung and  
12 broken ribs; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Pastorini was traded to the Oakland Raiders  
14 following the 1979 season and also played for the Los Angeles Rams  
15 and Philadelphia Eagles; after retiring from the league in 1983, he  
16 found another outlet for his competitive spirit in drag racing,  
17 where he became an icon, beating some of the sport's best drivers;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Inspired by his parents, restaurateurs who owned and  
20 operated Pastorini's Longhorn in Sonora, California, for 37 years,  
21 Mr. Pastorini decided to pursue his culinary interests and formed  
22 Dan Pastorini's Quality Foods; headquartered in Houston, the  
23 company sells a variety of products and seasonings; and

24 WHEREAS, An ardent advocate for former NFL players, Mr.

1 Pastorini is also involved with many local charities and serves as a  
2 board member of the Be An Angel organization, which works to improve  
3 the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities and  
4 profound deafness; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Dan Pastorini was not born in the Lone Star  
6 State, Houston is proud to call him one of its own, and it is most  
7 fitting to extend honorary Texan status to this prominent member of  
8 the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby officially recognize Dan Pastorini as an  
11 honorary Texan, with all the rights and privileges accorded those  
12 individuals native to the Lone Star State; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Dan Pastorini as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.