

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kansas City Chiefs running back and Port Arthur
2 native Jamaal Charles has been a stellar performer on the gridiron,
3 and he has further distinguished himself through his many
4 charitable works; and

5 WHEREAS, Drafted in the third round of the 2008 National
6 Football League Draft after an outstanding collegiate career at The
7 University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Charles is one of the most
8 prolific running backs in the NFL today; he has tallied more rushing
9 yards than any back in franchise history during his seven seasons
10 with Kansas City, and he led the league in touchdowns and finished
11 in the top five of MVP voting in 2013; he currently holds the league
12 record in yards-per-carry average among running backs, and he has
13 received a number of prestigious accolades, including multiple
14 selections as a Pro Bowl and First Team All-Pro player; and

15 WHEREAS, This talented athlete established the Jamaal
16 Charles "Youth Matters" Family Foundation shortly after entering
17 the NFL, and he has continued to devote his time and resources to
18 serving disadvantaged youth in both Texas and Kansas City; the
19 foundation organizes and sponsors a wide range of beneficial
20 activities, events, and initiatives, including flag football
21 tournaments, AAU sports programs, celebrity basketball games, and
22 other community fund-raisers; the foundation's signature event is a
23 free football camp held in Port Arthur each year, in which area
24 youngsters ages 5 to 15 take part in football drills and interact

1 with Mr. Charles and other NFL stars; and

2 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Memorial High School, Mr. Charles has
3 focused on assisting graduates of his alma mater by directing his
4 foundation to award scholarships to five deserving seniors each
5 year; the organization also benefits underprivileged residents of
6 Port Arthur by partnering with the Babineaux Family Foundation to
7 provide Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts to local families;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Charles enjoys the love
10 and support of his wife, Whitney, and he is the proud father of two
11 daughters, Makaila and Makenzie; and

12 WHEREAS, Jamaal Charles demonstrates exceptional character
13 both on and off the field, making him an exceptional role model for
14 his fans in the Lone Star State and beyond, and he is indeed
15 deserving of recognition for his generous efforts to help others;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend Jamaal Charles for his many
19 philanthropic endeavors and extend to him sincere best wishes for
20 continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Charles as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 713

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 713 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House