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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dallas native Tim Brown is being inducted into the
2 Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2015, and this
3 honor provides fitting recognition for an athlete who proved
4 himself one of the most gifted players of his era; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 22, 1966, in Dallas, Mr. Brown first
6 earned widespread acclaim while a student at Woodrow Wilson High
7 School, where he was a standout on the school's football and track
8 and field teams; he was recruited by a number of prestigious college
9 football programs, and he ultimately chose to attend the University
10 of Notre Dame; he excelled as a wide receiver and kick returner for
11 the Fighting Irish, compiling a school-record 5,024 all-purpose
12 yards and twice earning All-American honors; moreover, he capped
13 his senior year by being chosen the winner of the 1987 Heisman
14 Trophy, becoming the first wide receiver ever to earn the
15 prestigious award; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was selected by the Los Angeles Raiders
17 with the sixth overall pick in the 1988 NFL Draft; he quickly made
18 his mark in the professional ranks, leading the league in kickoff
19 returns, return yards, and yards per return average during his
20 rookie campaign; he spent the next 15 seasons in silver and black,
21 breaking the franchise record for games played and earning the
22 moniker "Mr. Raider" while helping the team to compile six playoff
23 appearances and a berth in the Super Bowl; he spent his final NFL
24 season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004 before signing a

1 one-day contract with the Raiders the following year so that he
2 could retire as a member of his longtime team; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the finest wideouts to ever play the game,
4 Mr. Brown's 100 career touchdown catches rank seventh in NFL
5 history, and his 1,094 receptions and 14,934 receiving yards also
6 put him in the top 10 among all-time league performers; in addition,
7 he was selected to the Pro Bowl nine times, and he was named to the
8 NFL's All-Decade Team for the 1990s; and

9 WHEREAS, Blessed with a fine family, Mr. Brown draws
10 inspiration from the love and support of his wife, Sherice, and his
11 children, Taylor, Timon, Tamar, and Timothy; and

12 WHEREAS, Tim Brown will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall
13 of Fame in August 2015 in Canton, Ohio, and he may reflect with
14 pride on his many significant accomplishments as he takes his
15 rightful place alongside the game's greatest players; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Tim Brown on his induction into the
19 Pro Football Hall of Fame 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. Brown as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.