

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Troy Vincent was born June 8, 1970, in Trenton, New  
2 Jersey; he grew up in East Trenton then moved to suburban Bucks  
3 County, Pennsylvania, where he attended Pennsbury High School and  
4 starred in football and track; and

5           WHEREAS, Troy's talent on the football field brought him  
6 several scholarship offers; he chose the University of Wisconsin,  
7 where he started on varsity his freshman year as a defensive back  
8 and return man; and

9           WHEREAS, An impact player, Troy earned a letter all four  
10 years at Wisconsin; as a sophomore in 1989, he led the Big Ten with a  
11 15.1 punt return average; as a junior he set new Wisconsin  
12 single-season and career records for passes broken up; in 1991,  
13 Troy was voted team captain and MVP; that season he was also named  
14 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, set a school record for punt  
15 return yards, and was honored as an All-American as a senior--the  
16 school's first since 1987; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1992 he entered the NFL Draft and was the seventh  
18 pick in the first round by the Miami Dolphins; wearing #23, he  
19 started at left corner as a rookie and helped the Dolphins reach the  
20 AFC Championship Game; Miami had a winning record in each of Troy's  
21 four seasons with the team and made the playoffs three times; during  
22 that time, Troy intercepted 14 passes and ranked among the team  
23 leaders in tackles; and

24           WHEREAS, In 1996, Troy signed with the Philadelphia Eagles as

1 a free agent; Vincent was a major player in the Eagles' dominant  
2 defense of the late '90s; he was selected for the Pro Bowl  
3 consecutively from 1999 to 2003, and was named First-Team All-Pro  
4 in 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1999, Troy tied for the NFL lead in interceptions  
6 with a total of 7, and in 2001 helped the Eagles get to the NFC  
7 Championship Game; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2004, Vincent agreed to terms with the Buffalo  
9 Bills, ending a stellar eight-year tenure with Philadelphia; then  
10 in 2006 he moved to the Washington Redskins; he retired from the NFL  
11 following that season and finished with a total of 47 career  
12 interceptions; and

13 WHEREAS, Troy's leadership and success extends well beyond  
14 the football field to this day; he has served as VP of the NFL Player  
15 Engagement Organization, Board of Directors for the University of  
16 Wisconsin Foundation, and the State of New Jersey After 3 Program;  
17 he has spoken at league-held seminars on the importance of sound  
18 financial planning and preparing for life after football; he served  
19 as president of the NFL Players Association and became the first  
20 active NFL player to serve on the National Board of Directors for  
21 Pop Warner Little Scholars Football; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2010, Vincent also partnered with Feed The  
23 Children to help families in need and returned to Pennsbury School  
24 District in support of the Fuel Up To Play 60 program; recently,  
25 Troy was honored with a 2012 Jefferson Award for outstanding public  
26 service by an athlete and was elected to the Philadelphia Eagles  
27 Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commend Troy Vincent for his life work and  
3 recognize him as an honorary Texan; and, be it further

4           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Troy Vincent as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1592 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House