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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former Houston Astro Jeff Bagwell is being inducted  
2 into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of  
3 2017, and this honor provides recognition for an athlete who is one  
4 of the best first basemen in history; and

5           WHEREAS, born on May 27, 1968, in Boston, Massachusetts,  
6 Mr. Bagwell graduated from Xavier High School in Middletown,  
7 Connecticut where he also excelled in soccer and basketball; chose  
8 to pursue baseball at the University of Hartford; he twice earned  
9 recognition as the Eastern College Athletic Conference player of  
10 the year, and he was drafted by the Red Sox in the fourth round of  
11 the 1989 Major League Baseball Draft; and

12           WHEREAS Mr. Bagwell was a standout player for the AA New  
13 Britain Red Sox, finishing first in the league in hits and doubles;  
14 the Houston Astros wisely requested Mr. Bagwell in a trade with the  
15 Red Sox, initiating one of the most one-sided trades in baseball  
16 history; and

17           WHEREAS making the rare leap from AA to the major leagues,  
18 Mr. Bagwell was named the 1991 National League Rookie of the Year,  
19 the first Astros player to win the award, Baseball America's Rookie  
20 of the Year, The Sporting News Rookie of the Year, and post-season  
21 All-Star and on the Topps' Rookie All-Star Team; and

22           WHEREAS his batting power was renowned and record-breaking;  
23 he was the first Houston Astro to win the National League Most  
24 Valuable Player Award; only the fourth player to win unanimously;

1 and

2 WHEREAS along with teammates such as Craig Biggio, Lance  
3 Berkman, and Derek Bell, he was one of the beloved "Killer Bs"; and

4 WHEREAS Mr. Bagwell battled through injuries to return to the  
5 Houston Astros season after season, leading his team by example;  
6 steering them into the playoffs for multiple seasons; and

7 WHEREAS Mr. Bagwell spent his entire career with the Houston  
8 Astros, the first baseman holds Astros records of 449 home runs and  
9 1,529 RBIs. In 15 seasons, he had a .408 on-base average, a .540  
10 slugging percentage and batted .297; and

11 WHEREAS Mr. Bagwell remains one of the most consistent  
12 players in baseball history; he has amassed multiple records and  
13 awards for his contribution to baseball, including Baseball  
14 America's Lifetime Achievement Award along with pal Craig Biggio;  
15 and

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulates Jeff Bagwell on his election to  
18 the National Baseball Hall of Fame and his many seasons bringing joy  
19 to Houston Astros fans; and, be it further

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