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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 2017 Super Bowl taking place on February 5 marks
2 the 10th anniversary of the celebrated halftime performance by
3 music legend Prince, who died on April 21, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, While most performers have used the NFL's
5 high-profile event to promote their back catalog or a new release,
6 Prince cast convention aside to deliver a galvanizing set often
7 cited among the most memorable television concerts; in 2015,
8 *Billboard* magazine proclaimed it the greatest halftime show in
9 Super Bowl history; and

10 WHEREAS, Prince designed a unique, tightly choreographed,
11 impeccably rehearsed spectacle and then surprised the audience of
12 millions with an unconventional set list as well; it commingled
13 some of his own hits, including "Let's Go Crazy" and "1999," with a
14 mind-boggling mash-up of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Proud
15 Mary," Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," and Foo Fighters'
16 "Best of You"; undeterred by a torrential storm over the stadium, he
17 closed with a searing "Purple Rain," seeming to command the
18 elements as well as the crowd with his epic guitar solo; and

19 WHEREAS, One of the most versatile and naturally gifted
20 artists of all time, Prince Rogers Nelson was born in Minneapolis,
21 Minnesota, on June 7, 1958; his career took off with his fifth
22 album, *1999*, and rocketed into the stratosphere in 1984 with the
23 release of the soundtrack to the movie *Purple Rain*, in which he
24 starred; although the radio landscape eventually changed, Prince

1 remained a top concert draw, and he continued to be extraordinarily
2 creative, prolific, and influential; his untimely death caused a
3 global outpouring of grief; and

4 WHEREAS, Prince is deeply missed by fans around the world,
5 but he left an enduring musical legacy, which is curated by his
6 family, his bandmates, and his Paisley Park staff, and each year,
7 Super Bowl performances will be judged against the standard he set
8 in 2007; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of Prince's
11 Super Bowl concert and pay tribute to the memory of this
12 incomparable artist.