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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of his singular career in the NFL,  
2 Dallas Cowboys owner, president, and general manager Jerry Jones  
3 has been selected for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame  
4 as a member of the Class of 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Since acquiring the Cowboys in 1989, Mr. Jones has  
6 built a storied legacy with "America's Team"; he guided the  
7 franchise to Super Bowl victories in 1993, 1994, and 1996, becoming  
8 the first owner in NFL history to clinch a trio of Vince Lombardi  
9 Trophies within the first seven years of ownership; moreover, the  
10 squad's superlative record of success throughout the decade earned  
11 it the title of Team of the 1990s from the NFL; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to overseeing the Cowboys' on-field  
13 achievements, Mr. Jones has built the franchise into an extremely  
14 successful business operation; a highlight of his tenure came with  
15 the construction of AT&T Stadium in Arlington, which was completed  
16 in 2009; the state-of-the-art venue, known to fans as "Jerry  
17 World," is internationally recognized as one of the finest sports  
18 arenas ever built; over the years, it has hosted more than nine  
19 million visitors not only at NFL games, including Super Bowl XLV in  
20 2011, but also at such high-profile competitions as NCAA football  
21 and basketball championships, the NBA All-Star Game, high school  
22 football title contests, and a vast range of other sporting and  
23 entertainment events; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones pioneered another innovative development

1 with the opening of the new Cowboys world headquarters, The Star, in  
2 Frisco in 2016; through a partnership with the City of Frisco and  
3 the Frisco Independent School District, the training facility has  
4 helped inspire the sports stars of tomorrow by giving young area  
5 athletes access to the facility where the Cowboys practice;  
6 moreover, football players from all eight Frisco ISD high schools  
7 have the opportunity to play home games in the Ford Center at the  
8 complex; and

9       WHEREAS, Recognized throughout the sports world for his  
10 accomplishments in the areas of marketing, promotion, development,  
11 and philanthropy, Mr. Jones has been the recipient of a host of  
12 prestigious accolades, including the NFL Executive of the Year  
13 honor from the Pro Football Writers of America, the Horatio Alger  
14 Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pop Warner Little  
15 Scholars organization; he has also been inducted into the National  
16 Football Foundation Leadership Hall of Fame, the Boys & Girls Clubs  
17 of America Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame, and the  
18 Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri Sports Halls of Fame; and

19       WHEREAS, For more than a quarter century, Jerry Jones has  
20 proved himself one of the most prominent and influential executives  
21 in professional sports, and it is a pleasure to join with football  
22 fans across the Lone Star State and beyond in commemorating this  
23 well-deserved hall of fame honor; now, therefore, be it

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry Jones on his election to the  
26 Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2017 and extend  
27 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives.