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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tight end Jason Witten announced his retirement from
2 the Dallas Cowboys in May 2018, concluding an illustrious
3 professional football career that spanned 15 seasons; and

4 WHEREAS, After spending his early childhood in Washington,
5 D.C., Jason Witten moved to Elizabethton, Tennessee, where he
6 garnered numerous honors as a high school player; he went on to
7 attain further glory at the University of Tennessee, finding his
8 niche as the Volunteers' tight end; following an impressive junior
9 season, he was selected by the Cowboys in the third round of the
10 2003 NFL draft; and

11 WHEREAS, The longest tenured player to ever wear the Dallas
12 uniform, Mr. Witten holds the franchise records in receptions,
13 receiving yards, catches in a single game, games played and
14 started, and consecutive games played and started; moreover, his
15 impressive total of 1,152 catches ranks fourth best in NFL history;
16 this outstanding athlete further distinguished himself as an
17 11-time Pro Bowl selection, and he received All-Pro honors on four
18 occasions; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Witten is also renowned for his philanthropic
20 work; he established the SCORE Foundation to support a range of
21 worthwhile endeavors, and he has been particularly active in
22 initiatives to reduce domestic violence; in recognition of his
23 efforts, he was named the 2012 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary role model both on and off the field,
2 Jason Witten has earned the lasting respect of his fellow players
3 and the admiration of countless fans, and his superb performance
4 through a decade and a half of NFL competition has earned him a
5 special place in the pantheon of legendary Dallas Cowboys; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Jason Witten on his successful career with
9 the Dallas Cowboys and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Witten as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.