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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas native Kyler Murray was honored as the best  
2 college football player in the nation when he was named the winner  
3 of the 2018 Heisman Trophy in recognition of his accomplishments as  
4 quarterback for the University of Oklahoma football team; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Murray starred on the gridiron at Allen High  
6 School, where he led the Eagles to a 43-0 record and three state  
7 championships and garnered National Player of the Year honors in  
8 2014 from Gatorade, *Parade*, MaxPreps, and *USA Today*; he initially  
9 attended Texas A&M University, following in the footsteps of his  
10 father, Kevin Murray, who was a record-setting quarterback for the  
11 Aggies, but following his freshman year, he transferred to  
12 Oklahoma; and

13           WHEREAS, After sitting out the 2016 season, per NCAA transfer  
14 rules, and serving as the backup to Baker Mayfield the following  
15 year, Mr. Murray took the reins of the Sooner offense as the  
16 starting quarterback in 2018; the results were spectacular: he  
17 guided his squad to a 12-2 record, a Big 12 championship, and an  
18 appearance in the College Football Playoff semifinals; along the  
19 way, he accounted for more than 50 touchdowns while compiling 4,361  
20 passing yards and 1,001 rushing yards; in addition to winning the  
21 Heisman, he also collected the Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the  
22 Year Award and was named the Associated Press Player of the Year and  
23 the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year; and

24           WHEREAS, A dual-sport athlete, Mr. Murray is also a skilled

1 outfielder for the Sooner baseball team and has already signed a  
2 contract to play with the Oakland A's after being selected as the  
3 ninth overall pick in the 2018 Major League Baseball Draft; and

4       WHEREAS, With his acceptance of the Heisman Trophy, Kyler  
5 Murray has earned a place among the most accomplished athletes to  
6 ever play college football, and his accomplishments have furthered  
7 the Lone Star State's proud legacy of athletic achievement; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Kyler Murray on winning the 2018  
11 Heisman Trophy and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
12 success; and, be it further

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