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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Legendary sportscaster Dale Hansen is retiring from
2 WFAA in Dallas after his final show on September 2, 2021, drawing to
3 a close an exceptional career with the television station that has
4 spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hansen has held numerous radio and television
6 jobs over the course of almost a half century; he first worked as a
7 disc jockey and operations manager at a radio station in Newton,
8 Iowa, and then accepted a sports reporter job at KMTV in Omaha,
9 Nebraska; he moved to Dallas in 1980, honing his skills at KDFW
10 before joining WFAA in 1983; his inaugural WFAA show aired on March
11 28 of that year, and soon thereafter, the Channel 8 station debuted
12 *Dale Hansen's Sports Special*, which remains a staple of its Sunday
13 night lineup; and

14 WHEREAS, A weeknight sports anchor who is one of the most
15 recognized personalities in Dallas-Fort Worth TV history,
16 Mr. Hansen has played a vital role in helping WFAA hold its ratings
17 lead in the coveted 10 p.m. time slot; through the years, he has
18 covered every major sports story involving area teams and events,
19 including three Stanley Cup Finals, two World Series, two NBA
20 Finals, and the 1990s run of success enjoyed by the Dallas Cowboys
21 when they won three Super Bowls in four years; and

22 WHEREAS, Never one to shy away from hard-hitting and
23 controversial topics, Mr. Hansen has earned national attention
24 with his award-winning exposés and biting commentaries; much of his

1 work has gone viral, leading to profiles in the *New York Times* and
2 the *Washington Post* and a guest appearance on *The Ellen DeGeneres*
3 *Show*; in recent years, he has also delivered editorials on pressing
4 social issues through his "Unplugged" segment; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Hansen received the George Foster
6 Peabody Award for Distinguished Journalism and the Alfred
7 I. duPont-Columbia University Award following his investigative
8 coverage of a scandal involving the Southern Methodist University
9 football program; further, in 2019, he became the first local
10 on-air broadcaster to garner the Radio Television Digital News
11 Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award; his other honors include the
12 Dallas Peace & Justice Center Inspiration Award and multiple Lone
13 Star EMMY and Texas Sportscaster of the Year awards; and

14 WHEREAS, Widely known as the dean of sportscasters in the
15 Lone Star State, Dale Hansen has demonstrated remarkable talent and
16 a deep commitment to quality journalism, and he may indeed reflect
17 with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate sportscaster
20 Dale Hansen on his retirement from WFAA in Dallas and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Hansen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.