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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball great and Texas native Clayton Kershaw realized a highlight of his outstanding career during the 2020 season, when he played an integral role in the Los Angeles Dodgers' World Series triumph; and

WHEREAS, During his team's thrilling run through the playoffs, Mr. Kershaw posted a 2.93 earned run average over 30 innings; he was the winning pitcher in both of his World Series starts, including Game 5, a pivotal contest that brought Los Angeles within one victory of claiming the title; and

WHEREAS, Born in Dallas, Mr. Kershaw became a nationally renowned player while attending Highland Park High School; the left-handed hurler finished his senior season in 2006 with a 13-0 record and a 0.77 ERA, and he further distinguished himself by throwing a perfect game in the playoffs in which he struck out each of the 15 hitters he faced; that season, he was named the American Family Insurance ALL-USA Baseball Player of the Year and the Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kershaw initially intended to play for Texas A&M University but instead signed with the Dodgers organization after the team picked him with the seventh selection in the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft; he was called up to the big leagues in 2008, at age 20, and three years later was named to the first of his eight MLB All-Star Teams; over the course of 13 seasons with the Dodgers, he has compiled 175 wins, 2,526 strikeouts, and the best winning percentage among pitchers with at least 250 decisions; he has won the Cy Young Award three times and was named the National League MVP in 2014 after recording a 21-3 record and a 1.77 ERA; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished individual off the field as well, Mr. Kershaw joined with his wife, Ellen, to found the Kershaw's Challenge charity; the organization's accomplishments include building schools and homes for orphaned children in Zambia and helping restore a Dallas community center; and

WHEREAS, Through his skill and determination, Clayton Kershaw has established himself as one of the best pitchers in baseball while helping the Dodgers become world champions, and his achievements are a source of tremendous pride to his fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Clayton Kershaw on winning the 2020 World Series as a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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