

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Dallas Cowboys standout Drew Pearson has been
2 selected for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a
3 member of the Class of 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Heralded for the integral role he played on the
5 legendary Cowboy teams of the 1970s, Mr. Pearson will be officially
6 inducted during Enshrinement Week in August; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Newark, New Jersey, Drew Pearson first
8 gained acclaim at South River High School, where he earned
9 All-State honors on the gridiron and also excelled in baseball and
10 basketball; at the University of Tulsa, he became the team's top
11 pass catcher as a senior and ended his college career with 1,119
12 receiving yards and six touchdowns; and

13 WHEREAS, Though he was undrafted out of college, Mr. Pearson
14 made the Dallas roster as a free agent in 1973; he burst on the scene
15 as a rookie, finishing the regular season with 388 yards and two
16 touchdowns and adding two TD catches in the postseason; quickly
17 becoming the Cowboys' main pass-catching threat, he posted a
18 team-high 62 receptions for 1,087 yards in 1974, the first of four
19 straight seasons that he topped both categories among the Cowboy
20 receivers; and

21 WHEREAS, A team captain and clutch performer who enjoyed
22 great chemistry with quarterback Roger Staubach, Mr. Pearson
23 recorded his most memorable touchdown in 1975 against Minnesota;
24 hauling in a 50-yard Hail Mary strike from Mr. Staubach, he lifted

1 Dallas to victory in the divisional playoff game, and the team went
2 on to play in Super Bowl X; in 1977, his 870 receiving yards were the
3 most in the NFL, and he racked up 113 yards in the postseason as the
4 Cowboys won Super Bowl XII, one of his three Super Bowl appearances;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Pearson spent his entire 11-year NFL career in
7 Dallas and ranks fourth on the franchise's all-time list in catches
8 and receiving yards and seventh in receiving touchdowns; he was an
9 All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection on multiple occasions during his
10 career and later became a member of the Dallas Cowboys Ring of
11 Honor; and

12 WHEREAS, One of the most exciting "big-play" receivers in the
13 history of the game, Drew Pearson has inspired generations of
14 football fans across the Lone Star State and beyond, and he is
15 indeed deserving of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Drew Pearson on his induction into
19 the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2021 and
20 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 687

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 687 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House