

By: Raymond

H.R. No. 1051

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson is  
2 receiving the ultimate accolade from his peers with his  
3 enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the  
4 Class of 2020; and

5           WHEREAS, Celebrated as the architect of the Super Bowl  
6 champion Cowboys teams of the 1990s, Coach Johnson will be  
7 officially inducted during Enshrinement Week in August 2021; and

8           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Port Arthur, Jimmy Johnson first  
9 gained acclaim at Thomas Jefferson High School, where he earned  
10 All-State honors as a two-way lineman; at the University of  
11 Arkansas, he was named an All-Southwest Conference defensive  
12 lineman and helped the team win the 1964 league championship; he  
13 started his coaching career at the age of 22 as an assistant at  
14 Louisiana Tech University before subsequent stops at Picayune  
15 Memorial High School in Mississippi, Wichita State, Iowa State,  
16 Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the University of Pittsburgh; and

17           WHEREAS, His work as a head coach began in 1979 at Oklahoma  
18 State; after five seasons and two bowl appearances with the school,  
19 he took the helm at the University of Miami in 1984 and led the  
20 Hurricanes to one of the greatest runs in college football history;  
21 the team won 36 straight regular season games from 1985 to 1988 and  
22 secured two Orange Bowl titles and the 1987 national championship;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, In 1989, his former Razorback teammate Jerry Jones

1 hired Coach Johnson to take charge of the Dallas Cowboys; with his  
2 superb ability to find talented players, he helped return  
3 "America's Team" to glory, gradually building the franchise into a  
4 title contender through a series of shrewd acquisitions; during his  
5 tenure, he was named Associated Press Coach of the Year in 1990 and  
6 guided the Cowboys to consecutive Super Bowl victories in 1993 and  
7 1994; he left the team after their second championship, having  
8 compiled an overall record of 51-37 and an impressive 7-1 mark in  
9 the postseason; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson returned to the NFL sidelines in 1996 as  
11 head coach of the Miami Dolphins; he helped the team reach the  
12 playoffs in three of his four seasons with the organization before  
13 retiring from coaching; he has been a beloved fixture on the *FOX NFL*  
14 *Sunday* broadcasts for the past two decades; and

15 WHEREAS, The first head coach to lead teams to championships  
16 at both the collegiate and professional levels, Jimmy Johnson  
17 distinguished himself as an admired leader who was renowned for his  
18 ability to motivate players, and he is indeed deserving of a place  
19 alongside the legendary figures of the game; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Jimmy Johnson on his enshrinement  
22 in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best  
23 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Coach Johnson as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.