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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 I.  
7 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 hereby congratulate sportscaster Dale Hansen on his  
20 retirement from WFAA in Dallas and extend to him sincere best wishes  
21 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.