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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers closed out a historic season by
2 winning the Major League Baseball World Series on November 1, 2023,
3 collecting the franchise's first championship; and

4 WHEREAS, After a remarkable regular season during which they
5 accomplished a historic turnaround by winning 90 games and earning
6 a wild-card berth in the playoffs, the Rangers advanced through
7 their first two postseason series against the American League's two
8 winningest teams, Tampa Bay and Baltimore, without losing a single
9 contest; following a two-game triumph over the Rays, the Rangers
10 recorded a dominating 3-0 sweep of the Orioles to advance to the
11 American League Championship Series against the defending World
12 Series champion Houston Astros; the all-Texas battle went the
13 distance in seven thrilling games, and the Rangers clinched their
14 third trip to the World Series in dramatic fashion, besting the
15 Astros 11-4 in Game 7 behind a four-hit, two-home run performance by
16 Adolis Garcia; and

17 WHEREAS, The Rangers matched up against the Arizona
18 Diamondbacks in the Fall Classic; Texas staged an exciting comeback
19 in Game 1, with Corey Seager blasting a two-run, game-tying home run
20 in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Mr. Garcia hitting a walk-off
21 homer in the bottom of the 11th to win 6-5; after dropping Game 2 at
22 home, the Rangers reeled off three consecutive victories in
23 Arizona, completing a perfect road game record of 11-0 in the
24 playoffs; in the decisive Game 5, Nathan Eovaldi pitched six gritty

1 innings, followed by strong relief from Aroldis Chapman and Josh
2 Sborz; Texas took a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning and added four
3 more in the ninth, with Marcus Semien's two-run homer closing the
4 door on the Diamondbacks and securing a convincing 5-0 victory; and

5 WHEREAS, The Rangers were led by Mr. Seager, who won his
6 second World Series Most Valuable Player award, and by the stellar
7 play of Mr. Semien, Josh Jung, Nathaniel Lowe, Jonah Heim, Evan
8 Carter, and Mr. Garcia; overseeing the Rangers' success in 2023 was
9 manager Bruce Bochy, a future lock for the Baseball Hall of Fame,
10 who added a fourth World Series title to his resume after sitting
11 out three seasons; with the win in Game 7 of the ALCS, Mr. Bochy
12 moved to 6-0 in winner-take-all games and has won 14 elimination
13 games; and

14 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of majority owner Ray Davis,
15 president and chief operating officer Neil Leibman, and vice
16 president and general manager Chris Young, the Texas Rangers have
17 won their first World Series in 62 seasons, and this achievement
18 will be celebrated by the team's countless fans for many years to
19 come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Texas
22 Rangers on winning the 2023 Major League Baseball World Series and
23 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
24 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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