

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

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

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

WHEREAS, The Rangers matched up against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the Fall Classic; Texas staged an exciting comeback in Game 1, with Corey Seager blasting a two-run, game-tying home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Mr. Garcia hitting a walk-off homer in the bottom of the 11th to win 6-5; after dropping Game 2 at home, the Rangers reeled off three consecutive victories in Arizona, completing a perfect road game record of 11-0 in the playoffs; in the decisive Game 5, Nathan Eovaldi pitched six gritty innings, followed by strong relief from Aroldis Chapman and Josh Sborz; Texas took a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning and added four more in the ninth, with Marcus Semien's two-run homer closing the door on the Diamondbacks and securing a convincing 5-0 victory; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the Texas Rangers on winning the 2023 Major League Baseball World Series and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Rangers as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 21, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate