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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

## BY SENATOR MORRIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Andrew Whitworth, a graduate of West Monroe High School and LSU, for receiving the NFL's 2021 Walter Payton Award.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Andrew Whitworth on winning Superbowl LVI with the Los Angeles Rams,
3	and on being named the 2021 National Football League (NFL) Walter Payton Man
4	of the Year.
5	WHEREAS, the Walter Payton Man of the Year award was established in 1970 and
6	recognizes an NFL player for his excellence on and off the field; and
7	WHEREAS, this prestigious award was renamed in 1999 after the late Hall of Fame
8	running back, Walter Payton; and
9	WHEREAS, the Walter Payton award represents the best of the NFL's commitment
10	to philanthropy and community impact; and
11	WHEREAS, Andrew Whitworth, a Monroe native and LSU alumnus, has gained
12	national recognition for his sixteen-year NFL career, and is now the oldest tackle to win a
13	superbowl; and
14	WHEREAS, Mr. Whitworth has received numerous individual and team awards for
15	his on-field performance including four Pro-Bowl invitations, two first-team All-Pro awards,
16	and most recently, the Lombardi Trophy; and
17	WHEREAS, throughout his incredible career, Andrew Whitworth has committed
18	himself to giving back to local communities, and he has selflessly contributed his resources

1	to effect positive change in the world; and
2	WHEREAS, Mr. Whitworth launched the "Big Whit Homes for LA Families" at the
3	beginning of the 2020-2021 NFL season and pledged to donate \$20,000 after each Rams
4	home game; he also made donations to repair homes in his native state of Louisiana and
5	moved Angelenos facing housing insecurity into more affordable homes; he also works with
6	nonprofits in Los Angeles to aid people in paying rent, buying groceries, and putting down
7	payments on and furnishing homes; and
8	WHEREAS, after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Ida, Mr. Whitworth joined
9	with Rebuilding Together to assist with essential home repairs to damaged homes; and
10	WHEREAS, in accepting the 2021 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award,
11	Mr. Whitworth used the occasion as a call-to-action to his teammates, colleagues, and
12	viewers to invest in local communities; and
13	WHEREAS, Andrew Whitworth is undeniably an elite level football player, but his
14	contributions to local communities far outweigh the impact of his on-field performances; and
15	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is truly blessed and proud to call him one of its
16	sons.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18	does hereby commend Andrew Whitworth on winning Superbowl LVI with the Los Angeles
19	Rams, and on being named the 2021 National Football League (NFL) Walter Payton Man
20	of the Year, and does hereby recognize his unwavering dedication to local causes, and thanks
21	him for his undying commitment to the state of Louisiana and to the underprivileged
22	residents of Los Angeles.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24	Andrew Whitworth.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka Butler.

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