

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Andrew Whitworth on being named the National Football League 2021 Walter Payton Man on the Year.

WHEREAS, Andrew Whitworth, a Monroe native and LSU alumnus, has gained national recognition for his sixteen-year NFL career; he has received numerous individual and team awards for his performance on the field, including four Pro-Bowl invitations, two first-team All-Pro awards, and most recently, the Lombardi Trophy; and

WHEREAS, throughout his incredible NFL-career, Mr. Whitworth has also committed himself to giving back to local communities; for him, contributing his time and money and using his massive platform to effect positive change in the world is a direct reflection of his investment in the things he is most passionate about; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitworth launched the Big Whit Homes for L.A. Families at the beginning of the 2020-2021 NFL season and pledged to donate \$20,000 after each Rams home game; he also made donations to repair homes in his native state of Louisiana and moved Angelenos facing housing insecurity into more-affordable homes; he also works with non-profits in Los Angeles to aid people in paying rent, buying groceries, and putting down-payments on and furnishing homes; and

WHEREAS, after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Ida, Mr. Whitworth joined with Rebuilding Together to assist with essential home repairs to damaged homes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the massive star's even more-massive community impact, Mr. Whitworth was awarded the National Football League's most prestigious tribute, the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award; he even used his acceptance speech as an opportunity to call for further community investment from his fellow NFL players and all people; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Whitworth is undeniably an elite-level football player, but his contributions to local communities far outweigh the impact of any on-field performance; he is truly a beautiful human being, and the state of Louisiana is truly blessed and proud to call him one of its sons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Andrew Whitworth on being named the National Football League 2021 Walter Payton Man on the Year; does hereby recognize his unmistakable dedication to local causes; does hereby thank him for his undying commitment to the state of Louisiana and to the underprivileged residents of Los Angeles; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he continue his charitable work and enjoy good health as he makes Louisiana proud in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andrew Whitworth.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES