

HOUSE RESOLUTION 357

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James Winchester, member of the Choctaw Nation and Super Bowl Champion.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is James Winchester, a member of the Choctaw Nation, who has enjoyed great success as a football player in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, James Winchester signed with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League as an undrafted free agent in 2013 and was later signed by the Kansas City Chiefs on March 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winchester signed a five-year, \$4.45 million contract extension with the Chiefs on January 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2020, as a long snapper, James Winchester was directly involved in the scoring of seven points to win Super Bowl LIV for the Chiefs, defeating the San Francisco 49ers 31-20; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton congratulated Mr. Winchester, stating that he served as an inspiration to all of Choctaw Nation, by proving that hard work, dedication, teamwork, and strength of spirit lead to wonderful things like the highest of professional football achievements, becoming a Super Bowl Champion; and

WHEREAS, winning the Super Bowl is the pinnacle achievement for a football player, and Mr. Winchester should be rightfully proud of such a magnificent accomplishment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, that we recognize and honor James Winchester, member of the Choctaw Nation and Super Bowl Champion, for his many accomplishments and his success in the National Football League.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.