

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority is celebrating its 25th Anniversary during the month of September by reflecting on its many accomplishments during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority was formed after the Houston Oilers left the city to become the Tennessee Titans and other professional sports teams were being courted by other cities to leave our region; and

WHEREAS, the Sports Authority was created when Mayor Bob Lanier, and other elected officials at the time went to the state legislature because they decided the third largest county and fourth largest city in the country could not risk losing all its pro sports teams; and

WHEREAS, the Sports Authority, overseen by Harris County and the city of Houston, was designed to build and oversee the bond debt service for the stadiums, become a landlord to tenants, and eventually develop into the sports marketing agency for the region; and

WHEREAS, local citizens were given the right to vote on whatever stadium projects were proposed. The residents voted to use hotel occupancy, and car rental taxes brought in by visitors to build three state-of-the-art sports stadiums, Minute Maid Park (Enron Park at the time), NRG Stadium (Reliant Stadium at the time), and Toyota Center/Tundra Garage; and

WHEREAS, PNC Stadium (BBVA Compass Stadium at the time of opening) came much later through a public-private partnership with no public financing but was built with the oversight assistance of the Sports Authority, who is also the landlord of that building; and

WHEREAS, according to various studies, there has been a significant positive impact on the local community, including the additional tax dollars and benefits to local businesses brought in through visitor spending which far outweighs the initial bond issuance costs. In addition, the marketing value acquired by hosting so many premiere events, such as Super Bowls, NCAA National and Regional Championships, Men's Final Fours, All-Star Games, World Championships, AAU Junior Olympics, among others, over the last 25 years have been an invaluable experience to the greater Houston area: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby designates the month of September 2022 as the

25th Anniversary of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority Month

in Harris County. It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 27th day of September 2022.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, TEXAS