

House Resolution 1616

By: Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th, Crowe of the 118th, McClain of the 109th, and Daniel of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Will Anderson, Jr., on winning the NFL Defensive Rookie
2 of the Year award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Will Anderson, Jr., a player for the first Houston Texans won the NFL
4 Defensive Rookie of the Year award; and

5 WHEREAS, he finished with the season with 59 pressures, the third-most by a rookie over
6 the last five seasons; and

7 WHEREAS, he also had 45 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 22 quarterback hits, 7.0 sacks, and
8 a pass defended in 15 games, leading a Texans defense that improved from 24.7 points per
9 game allowed in 2022 to 20.8 points per game allowed in 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, he was also the first Texans rookie to block a field goal since J.J. Watt in 2011,
11 accomplishing the feat in Week 3 against the Jacksonville Jaguars; and

12 WHEREAS, he finished fourth in sacks amongst rookies and was just the third rookie to post
13 two-plus sacks, four-plus quarterback hits, two-plus tackles for loss, and a pass defended in
14 a game in NFL history in a Week 13 win over the Denver Broncos; and

15 WHEREAS, his 26 percent pass-rush win rate is the third highest in NFL history and allowed
16 the Texans defense to improve their yards per game allowed from 379.5 to 330.7 and yards
17 per carry allowed from 5.1 to 3.5. as he played a huge role in the revitalization of the
18 defense; and

19 WHEREAS, he was taken with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft and is a 2019
20 graduate of Dutchtown High School; and

21 WHEREAS, this stellar young man epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and
22 character necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this
24 accomplished and gifted athlete be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Will Anderson, Jr., on winning the NFL
27 Defensive Rookie of the Year award and extend best wishes for success in the future.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Will
30 Anderson, Jr.