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CONGRATULATING Buffalo Bills Quarterback Josh Allen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2024 AP NFL Most Valuable Player Award, one of the NFL's highest honors

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals of rare and exceptional athletic achievement, acknowledging their profound and lasting impacts in their sport and on the citizenry of this great New York State for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Buffalo Bills Quarterback Josh Allen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2024 AP NFL Most Valuable Player Award, one of the NFL's highest honors, at the completion of his seventh career season; and

WHEREAS, Achieving such a high honor in competitive sports takes years of discipline, tireless conditioning, and an unwavering desire to win; Josh Allen has proven himself to be an exemplary athlete whose perseverance and commitment to excellence have earned him this coveted award; and

WHEREAS, Josh Allen's myriad unprecedented achievements are reflective of his continued performance at the highest standards of excellence and thereby cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, With 27 first-place votes and a total of 383 points, Josh Allen became the AP NFL Most Valuable Player of the year, beating out staunch competitors to secure the prestigious award for his first time; and

WHEREAS, Josh Allen finished his 2024 regular season with 3,731 passing yards and 531 rushing yards for an impressive total of 4,262 total yards; he totaled 41 touchdowns - 28 passing, 12 rushing, and one receiving, becoming the only player in NFL history with over 25 passing touchdowns, over 10 rushing touchdowns, and a receiving score in a season; and

WHEREAS, Further cementing his name in history, Josh Allen had the lowest percentage of plays that resulted in either a sack, fumble, or interception in a single season (4.17%) since 1970; and

WHEREAS, At the end of this season, Josh Allen became one of only two players in NFL history with 40+ offensive touchdowns in at least five career seasons; on top of this monumental achievement, the Bills quarterback is the first in NFL history to secure 40+ touchdowns in five consecutive seasons; and

WHEREAS, A further testament to his unprecedented talent, Josh Allen

also became the first quarterback in NFL history with six or more rushing touchdowns in seven consecutive seasons; he is also now the only quarterback in the NFL to have ever scored a passing, rushing, and receiving touchdown in a single game; and

WHEREAS, Josh Allen's achievements this season are vast and notable; he is now the first quarterback in NFL history to record multiple passing touchdowns, multiple rushing touchdowns, 350+ passing yards, and 60+ rushing yards in the same game; he is also the first NFL player of all time with at least two touchdown passes and two rushing touchdowns in consecutive games, and is the first player of all time with three such games in one season; and

WHEREAS, During his seventh career season in the NFL, Josh Allen became the first player in the league's history to score three or more passing touchdowns and three or more rushing touchdowns in the same game; and

WHEREAS, As a captain of his team, Josh Allen helped guide the Bills to one of the best seasons in franchise history, with an overall record of 13-4: the beloved New York team also won the AFC East by Week 13, which marked the earliest a team had won their division since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Further, under Josh Allen's steady and respected leadership, the Buffalo Bills made history as a team this season; the Bills set franchise records for touchdowns (63) and points scored (509), tied an NFL record of 30+ points in eight consecutive games, went undefeated at home for the third time in team history and for the first time since 1990, and, among many other worthy accomplishments, are the first NFL team in history to beat two 14-win teams in the regular season, with Josh Allen totaling 747 yards, six touchdowns, and zero sacks in those pivotal games; and

WHEREAS, For his historic contributions to the sport of football, his renowned passion and support for charitable causes, and for proudly representing New York State in his notable achievements and storied Buffalo Bills career, Josh Allen is justly deserving of the praise of this Legislative Body and of the citizenry of our beloved Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the achievements of outstanding professional athletes whose dedication and determination have brought honor to their team, their community, and the entire State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Buffalo Bills Quarterback Josh Allen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2024 AP NFL Most Valuable Player Award, one of the NFL's highest honors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Buffalo Bills Quarterback Josh Allen.