

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Soccer legend Antonio Carlos Pecorari, known as
2 "Tatu" to his countless fans, retired after 18 years with the Dallas
3 Sidekicks as a player and a coach, having earned the lasting
4 adoration of many for his remarkable contributions both as an
5 athlete and as an inspiring role model for young people; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Brazil, Tatu was born February 1, 1962,
7 and became a soccer professional at the age of 17 when he joined
8 Brazil's Sao Paulo team; he went on to star with the Tampa Bay
9 Rowdies of the North American Soccer League before becoming a
10 member of the expansion Major Indoor Soccer League Dallas Sidekicks
11 franchise in 1984; and

12 WHEREAS, During his 18 years with the Sidekicks, Tatu was one
13 of the nation's premier soccer players; in addition to playing a
14 vital role in four championships, he is a six-time most valuable
15 player, 11-time scoring champion, 10-time all-star, and three-time
16 championship series MVP; and

17 WHEREAS, He also holds an amazing number of Dallas Sidekicks'
18 franchise records, including most games, goals, assists, points,
19 shots, power play goals, game-winning goals, and overtime goals;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The boundless enthusiasm that led Tatu to throw his
22 shirt into the stands after scoring each of his many goals through
23 the years remains evident today through his work as the coach of
24 several Dallas-area youth teams and his numerous personal

1 appearances as an ambassador for the sport of soccer; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Tatu's many records and accolades are a
3 testament to his skill as an athlete, it is his remarkable love of
4 the game and his willingness to share that joy with others that sets
5 him apart; his impact on the sport of soccer cannot be overstated,
6 and it is indeed fitting that he be accorded special legislative
7 recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Antonio Carlos "Tatu" Pecorari on
10 his exceptional soccer career and his contributions to the youth of
11 Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
12 and happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Pecorari as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 777

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 777 was adopted by the House on April 15, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House