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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas is the home of some of the nation's greatest 2 athletes, and Billy Yates of Corsicana has taken his rightful place 3 in this proud tradition with his selection to the active roster by 4 the world champion New England Patriots; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth, Mr. Yates graduated from 6 Corsicana High School in 1998, then went on to play football and 7 earn a bachelor's degree in agricultural development from Texas A&M 8 University, where he was named the winner of the Aggie Heart Award, 9 the highest honor that can be accorded an A&M senior football 10 player; and

11 WHEREAS, Since completing his college career, he has 12 continued to develop his considerable skills as an offensive 13 lineman, playing for the Miami Dolphins before signing with the 14 Patriots; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Yates has enjoyed the 16 solid support of the Corsicana community, as was made apparent when 17 the city celebrated Billy Yates Day on March 11, 2005, and it is 18 most fitting to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional 19 Texan; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 21 Legislature hereby congratulate Billy Yates on his notable athletic 22 achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; 23 and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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- 1 prepared for Mr. Yates as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 2 House of Representatives.

Cook of Navarro

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 849 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House