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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

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

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

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11 WHEREAS, Since completing his college career, he has

12 continued to develop his considerable skills as an offensive

lineman, playing for the Miami Dolphins before signing with the

14 Patriots; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Yates has enjoyed the

solid support of the Corsicana community, as was made apparent when

the city celebrated Billy Yates Day on March 11, 2005, and it is

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

24 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.