

By: Price

H.R. No. 2783

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William F. Taylor III was instrumental in the
2 passage of House Bill 2038, requiring Texas schools to establish a
3 protocol for dealing with student-athletes suspected to have
4 sustained a concussion; and

5 WHEREAS, The legislation, which was authored by State
6 Representative Four Price, has been named "Natasha's Law" in honor
7 of Natasha Helmick, whose soccer career ended after she suffered
8 five concussions in four years; involved in the sport since age
9 four, she earned a scholarship to play for Texas State University,
10 but a medical evaluation changed the course of her path; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's efforts in behalf of this bill included
12 testifying before the House Committee on Public Health, discussing
13 its importance with numerous members of the legislature, and
14 attending a press conference at the Capitol shortly after the bill
15 was introduced in the House; and

16 WHEREAS, Head athletic trainer at Mesquite High School for 36
17 years, "Bucky" Taylor also served as the trainer at the Mesquite
18 Independent School District's Special Olympics local meets; his
19 research into concussions and the development of Mesquite's
20 return-to-play policy for athletes were featured on *Dan Rather*
21 *Reports* in 2010; he now works as an itinerant trainer in Mesquite
22 ISD and as a consultant to the Sports Medicine Clinic of North Texas
23 in Dallas; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served as president of the Southwest

1 Athletic Trainers' Association in 2002 and 2003 and was on the
2 founding committee of the North Texas Athletic Trainer Society; the
3 recipient of many awards and honors and a member of the SWATA Hall
4 of Fame, he has shared his time and talents with the University
5 Interscholastic League's advisory council, Internet task force,
6 and communications committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply concerned about the health and well-being of
8 student-athletes, Bucky Taylor contributed to his fellow citizens
9 with his outstanding advocacy for Natasha's Law, and Representative
10 Price expresses his gratitude for Mr. Taylor's role in achieving
11 this notable legislative victory; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor William F. "Bucky" Taylor for his
14 successful efforts to heighten awareness of the dangers associated
15 with concussion sustained by student-athletes and extend to him
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Taylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.