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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an impressive display of skill and determination,
2 Texas native Jordan Spieth captured the 79th Masters Tournament
3 championship on April 12, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Competing against the game's best at Augusta
5 National Golf Club in Georgia, Mr. Spieth put on a dazzling
6 performance throughout the event, beginning with the opening round,
7 when he posted an 8-under 64 to take a three-shot lead on the field;
8 during the second round, he made six birdies with no bogies to
9 bolster his lead, and his two-day score of 14-under par set a new
10 36-hole scoring mark for the Masters; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Spieth continued his pace-setting week by
12 shooting a 2-under 70 in both of the final rounds, ultimately
13 carding a total score of 18-under 270 to match the tournament record
14 set by Tiger Woods in 1997; en route to becoming the second-youngest
15 player to earn the coveted green jacket, he was the first Masters
16 contestant to lead the entire event since Raymond Floyd
17 accomplished that feat in 1976; and

18 WHEREAS, The Masters victory marks the first major
19 championship for Mr. Spieth and the latest in a string of notable
20 achievements; he began playing golf at the age of nine at Brookhaven
21 Country Club in Dallas, and his budding talent was later nurtured by
22 golf coach Cameron McCormick; he established himself as a prodigy
23 by winning the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship in 2009 and 2011,
24 joining Tiger Woods as the only golfers to win the event twice; and

1 WHEREAS, This accomplished athlete went on to attend The
2 University of Texas at Austin, where he led the Longhorns to the
3 NCAA Championship as a freshman and received Big 12 Player of the
4 Year and All-American first team honors; at 19 years of age, he
5 turned professional and became the PGA Tour's youngest winner since
6 1931 with his triumph at the 2013 John Deere Classic; he later
7 placed second at the Wyndham and Tour Championships and capped off
8 his first season by being named the PGA Tour Rookie of the Year and
9 being selected for the Presidents Cup team; he furthered his
10 success in 2014 by notching runner-up finishes at the Hyundai
11 Tournament of Champions and his inaugural Masters Tournament, and
12 he later won his second PGA Tour event at the 2015 Valspar
13 Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, By delivering one of the finest performances in the
15 history of the Masters Tournament, Jordan Spieth has proven himself
16 as one of the sport's premier competitors, and he is indeed
17 deserving of recognition for his outstanding accomplishment; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Jordan Spieth on winning the 2015
21 Masters Tournament and extend to him sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Spieth as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.