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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elandon Roberts of the New England Patriots enjoyed
2 an unforgettable NFL rookie season that culminated in winning Super
3 Bowl LI at NRG Stadium in Houston on February 5, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Class of 2012 at Memorial High School
5 in Port Arthur, Elandon Roberts began his collegiate football
6 career playing linebacker for a season at Morgan State University,
7 where he was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie of
8 the Week three times and where he earned All-Conference Second Team
9 honors; he subsequently transferred to the University of Houston,
10 and over the course of three years, he accumulated 175 tackles, 7
11 sacks, 2 forced fumbles, and an interception; those impressive
12 statistics caught the attention of professional football scouts,
13 and he was selected in the sixth round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the
14 Patriots; soon thereafter, the proud Cougar graduated with a
15 bachelor's degree in sociology; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts made his NFL debut on September 18,
17 2016, and in 13 regular-season games, he tallied 45 tackles, three
18 of which were for loss of yards, and a forced fumble; continuing to
19 bolster the New England defense in the postseason, he notched three
20 tackles against the Houston Texans in the divisional round and two
21 tackles against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the American Football
22 Conference Championship Game; he then played an essential role in
23 one of the greatest comeback stories in Super Bowl history,
24 delivering two tackles against the Atlanta Falcons as the Patriots

1 overcame a 25-point deficit to win in overtime by a final score of
2 34-28; and

3 WHEREAS, Demonstrating hard work, fine sportsmanship, and an
4 unwavering commitment to excellence along the way, Elandon Roberts
5 capped a storybook season by earning a piece of the coveted Lombardi
6 Trophy, and his remarkable achievements are a source of great pride
7 to his fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Elandon Roberts on winning Super
10 Bowl LI and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;
11 and, be it further

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