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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, John Barrera of Corpus Christi has distinguished 2 himself by winning two first-place awards at the 2017 Pan Jiu-Jitsu 3 International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation Championship, held 4 March 16-19, in Irvine, California; and

5 WHEREAS, Competing against other master 5 brown belt athletes 6 from around the world, John Barrera claimed first place in both the 7 ultra-heavy and open-class divisions; and

8 WHEREAS, A longtime martial artist, Mr. Barrera began 9 learning traditional karate as a child, advancing all the way to a 10 second-degree black belt; after taking a break from the sport for 11 several years, he decided to try jiu-jitsu in 2011, at the urging of 12 his two sons; in addition to training and competing, he also devotes 13 time each week to coaching at Strong Arm Brazilian Jiu Jitsu; and

WHEREAS, Winning a championship represents the culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring commitment to excellence, and through his impressive showing at the Pan Jiu-Jitsu IBJJF Championship event, John Barrera has become a source of great pride to his community and to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 21 Legislature hereby congratulate John Barrera on winning two 22 first-place medals at the 2017 Pan Jiu-Jitsu International 23 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation Championship and extend to him 24 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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H.R. No. 2006 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 2 prepared for Mr. Barrera as an expression of high regard by the 3 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2006 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House