

By: Herrero

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R E S O L U T I O N

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

14           WHEREAS, Winning a championship represents the culmination  
15 of countless hours of hard work and an enduring commitment to  
16 excellence, and through his impressive showing at the Pan Jiu-Jitsu  
17 IBJJF Championship event, John Barrera has become a source of great  
18 pride to his community and to the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
19 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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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.