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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas native Drew Brees became the National Football 2 League's all-time leader in passing yardage on October 8, 2018; and 3 WHEREAS, Performing with his New Orleans Saints teammates in front of a home crowd, Mr. Brees surpassed the previous mark of 4 5 71,940 career yards in spectacular fashion, firing a 62-yard scoring strike in the second quarter; he went on to throw for 363 6 7 yards in the contest, leading the Saints to a resounding 43-19 victory over the Washington Redskins and raising his record-setting 8 9 total to 72,103; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Austin, Mr. Brees first gained widespread acclaim as a member of the Westlake High School football team, earning the 5A Offensive Player of the Year honor in his senior year and leading the Chaparrals to the 1996 state championship; his stellar play continued at Purdue University, where he was a Maxwell Award winner and two-time Heisman Trophy finalist who helped the Boilermakers win the Big 10 championship in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Drafted by San Diego in the second round of the 2001 17 NFL Draft, Mr. Brees played five years with the Chargers before 18 joining the New Orleans Saints as a free agent in 2006; his 19 leadership and superb play sparked the team's resurgence, and 20 21 during the 2009-2010 season, he took New Orleans to the top, winning the Super Bowl and taking home the game's MVP award; in addition to 22 23 being the NFL's all-time passing leader, he holds the league 24 records for most career completions and highest completion

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percentage, and his list of honors includes selection as the 2006
Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year and the 2008 and 2011 NFL
Offensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Drew Brees has earned a place among the greatest football players to hail from the Lone Star State, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 9 Legislature hereby congratulate Drew Brees on becoming the all-time 10 NFL passing yardage leader and that he be extended sincere best 11 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 12 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House