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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas native Rex Burkhead of the New England
2 Patriots enjoyed a successful 2018-2019 NFL season that culminated
3 in his team's triumph in Super Bowl LIII; and

4 WHEREAS, In the Patriots 13-3 championship victory over the
5 Los Angeles Rams, Mr. Burkhead ran for 43 yards, including a key
6 26-yard gain late in the fourth quarter, and also hauled in two pass
7 receptions; the Super Bowl win closed out a memorable year in which
8 he overcame an injury and became an important factor in New
9 England's playoff games; he tallied his first-ever postseason
10 touchdown in the divisional contest against the Los Angeles
11 Chargers and scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime in the
12 conference championship showdown with the Kansas City Chiefs; and

13 WHEREAS, A standout player at Plano Senior High School,
14 Mr. Burkhead was an Associated Press first-team All-State
15 selection during his senior season; after graduating in 2009, he
16 spent his collegiate football career as a running back at the
17 University of Nebraska, where he scored 35 touchdowns and ran for
18 3,329 yards, becoming one of the top five rushers in Cornhusker
19 history; those impressive statistics caught the attention of
20 professional football scouts, and he was selected in the sixth
21 round of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Burkhead spent four seasons with the Bengals,
23 appearing in all 16 regular-season games during his last two years
24 with the team; he signed with New England in 2017 and made his first

1 Super Bowl appearance later that season; an accomplished individual
2 off the field as well, he has been active in various community
3 service initiatives, including efforts to assist young people who
4 face serious medical challenges; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his hard work and unwavering commitment to
6 excellence, Rex Burkhead has distinguished himself in NFL
7 competition, and his achievements are a source of great pride to his
8 many fans in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Rex Burkhead on becoming a Super
11 Bowl champion as a member of the New England Patriots and extend to
12 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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