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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Steve Torrence of Kilgore reached the pinnacle of
2 drag racing success when he won the Mello Yello National Hot Rod
3 Association top fuel world championship on October 28, 2018; and
4   WHEREAS, The title victory was the highlight of an
5 exceptional season in which Mr. Torrence won 11 races and made NHRA
6 history as the only driver in any discipline to sweep the Countdown
7 to Championship playoffs; he also became the first competitor ever
8 to win NHRA series titles in both the top fuel and top alcohol
9 dragster divisions, having claimed the latter title in 2005; and
10   WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Mr. Torrence has
11 racked up more than 25 NHRA tour victories, including 19 races over
12 the past two years; in fact, he entered the 2019 campaign having won
13 12 straight final round matches; most remarkably, he has achieved
14 all of this after overcoming cancer in the early 2000s and
15 recovering from a heart attack in 2016; and
16   WHEREAS, Mr. Torrence is a graduate of Kilgore College and
17 works for Capco Contractors, a family business founded by his
18 father; an East Texas native, he continues to call Kilgore home,
19 flying to race locations around the country each weekend during the
20 season; and
21   WHEREAS, Demonstrating a combination of exceptional talent
22 and fierce determination, Steve Torrence has become a premier
23 figure in the sport of drag racing, and his success is a source of
24 great pride to his many fans in the Lone Star State and beyond; now,

1 therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

3 Legislature hereby congratulate Steve Torrence on winning the 2018

4 Mello Yello National Hot Rod Association top fuel world

5 championship and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;

6 and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Mr. Torrence as an expression of high regard by the

9 Texas House of Representatives.