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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lee Corso, a legendary host on ESPN's *College* 2 *GameDay* who has captivated audiences with his showmanship and 3 astute knowledge of football during an illustrious career of nearly 4 four decades, will make his final broadcast at the start of the 2025 5 season; and

WHEREAS, A mainstay of the popular weekly college football 6 7 pregame show since it debuted in 1987, Mr. Corso is most famous for his headgear picks; the tradition began on October 5, 1996, when he 8 accurately predicted that No. 3 Ohio State would defeat No. 4 Penn 9 State by ceremoniously donning a Brutus Buckeye mascot head; in 10 11 total, he has made 430 headgear picks, posting an impressive 12 overall record of 286-144; his final broadcast will take place on August 30, three weeks after his 90th birthday; and 13

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Corso has entertained crowds on more than 70 college campuses; during prediction disagreements, he is known for 15 16 delivering his signature catchphrase of "Not so fast, my friend!" while clutching a No. 2 pencil, and other iconic moments that will 17 endure include him dancing with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish's 18 leprechaun, riding a motorcycle with the Oregon Duck, debating game 19 picks with pop music star Katy Perry, and wrestling with actors Bill 20 21 Murray and Will Ferrell; additionally, he has dressed as such figures as Ben Franklin and Elvis Presley; and 22

23 WHEREAS, Before his broadcasting career, Mr. Corso was a head 24 football coach at the college and professional levels, including 17

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1 seasons at the helm for the University of Louisville, Indiana and 2 Northern Illinois Universities, and the Orlando Renegades of the 3 United States Football League; in the 1950s, he was a defensive back 4 at Florida State, where for two decades after his graduation, he 5 held the school record for career interceptions; and

6 WHEREAS, Among his accolades, Mr. Corso is a member of the 7 athletic Halls of Fame at Florida State, Louisville, and Indiana, 8 the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of 9 Fame; in 2006, he entered the Florida State University Alumni 10 Association's Circle of Gold, and in 2010, he received the National 11 College Football Awards Association Contributions Award; and

WHEREAS, Lee Corso has demonstrated a remarkable talent for expert analysis over the course of his exceptional broadcasting career, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many contributions to college football; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas 17 Legislature hereby honor Lee Corso for his 38-year career as an ESPN 18 *College GameDay* host and extend to him sincere best wishes for the 19 future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 21 prepared for Mr. Corso as an expression of high regard by the Texas 22 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 947 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House