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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Lee Corso has demonstrated a remarkable talent for
13 expert analysis over the course of his exceptional broadcasting
14 career, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many
15 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.