MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Baria

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNPARALLELED ATHLETIC 2 CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BRETT FAVRE AND CONGRATULATING HIM 3 UPON HIS ELECTION INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME'S CLASS OF 2016. 4 WHEREAS, one of the greatest football players of all time 5 from Mississippi, Brett Favre, was elected into the Pro Football 6 7 Hall of Fame's Class of 2016 on February 6, 2016, joining a host of other legends and solidifying his name in the history books; 8 9 and

10 WHEREAS, as this Legislature predicted in 2008, Favre was 11 indeed a first-ballot Hall of Famer, as the three-time league MVP 12 was elected as a Hall of Fame member in just his first year of 13 eligibility; and

WHEREAS, in order to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a candidate is carefully scrutinized and must receive 80 percent approval of the Selection Committee at the annual meeting before he can be elected, and the fact that Favre met this is a testament to the respect he commands by those deeply involved in the sport of football; and

20 WHEREAS, Favre, a 20-year veteran of the National Football 21 League (NFL) who spent the majority of his career with the Green 22 Bay Packers, started as quarterback for the University of Southern 23 Mississippi for four years before being drafted in the second 24 round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons; and

25 WHEREAS, Favre retired as the NFL's all-time leader in 26 completions (6,300), attempts (10,169), yards (71,838) and passing 27 touchdowns (508), and has only been surpassed by Peyton Manning in 28 career passing yards and touchdown passes since his retirement; 29 and

30 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame has previously recognized Favre for 31 his record of most consecutive career starts by a quarterback and 32 there is even a section of the Pro Football Hall of Fame website 33 devoted to the one individual who the Hall of Fame calls the "Iron 34 Man"; and

35 WHEREAS, in addition to his other honors, Favre holds the 36 distinction of being the only quarterback to have led a team to 37 victory over all 32 teams in the league since the NFL first 38 expanded to 32 teams in 2002; and

39 WHEREAS, even though Favre's on the field performances 40 brought pride to this state, he has also helped Mississippi off 41 the field through his charitable works and took an active lead in 42 helping the coastal counties recover after Hurricane Katrina's 43 incomparable destruction; and

44 WHEREAS, only a select few individuals are honored with their 45 selection into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Brett Favre is 46 such a deserving individual, whose name and legacy will forever be 47 remembered in the hearts of all Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the outstanding professional athletes who call the State of Mississippi home, and whose achievements on and off the field bring honor to the citizens of this state:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING 54 THERE IN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Brett Favre 55 upon his election into the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 56 2016 and extend best wishes for continued success in all of his 57 future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 59 furnished to Brett Favre and to the members of the Capitol Press 60 Corps.

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