

Senate Resolution 792

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending T.J. Yates; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, T.J. Yates was born on May 28, 1987, a beloved son of Carol and John Yates;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, at the age of four, T.J. Yates started playing football, eventually playing during
- 5 his senior year at Pope High School, where he completed 160 out of 289 passes for 2,305
- 6 yards and 17 touchdowns, rushed for 292 yards, and had seven scores; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was named first-team all-region and the Cobb County Touchdown Club
- 8 Offensive Player of the Year and went on to be the starting quarterback for the University
- 9 of North Carolina; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he played for UNC for four years from 2007 to 2010, playing his best his senior
- 11 year and holding every school record for pass completions and yards, as well as the school
- 12 record for career pass attempts; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he earned the UNC Coaches' Player of the Week honors after wins over
- 14 Rutgers, Virginia, Florida State, and Duke in 2010 and East Carolina in 2009; and
- 15 WHEREAS, through perserverance and iron determination, he was drafted into the NFL in
- 16 2010 as a quarterback for the Houston Texans; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in his first NFL start, Yates threw a touchdown pass, rushed for 111 yards, and
- 18 led the Texans to a 17-10 win over his hometown Atlanta Falcons; and
- 19 WHEREAS, with Yates under center, the Texans not only earned the franchise's first playoff
- 20 berth but their first playoff victory; and

21 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of this man is a clear indication of the outstanding
22 athletic ability, dedication and hard work, and talents he has honed over his career; and

23 WHEREAS, as this Georgian earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence by
24 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
25 abundantly proper to recognize him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend T.J. Yates for his years of hard work and perseverance, recognize his outstanding
28 contributions in the NFL, and extend their sincerest best wishes for future success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to T.J. Yates.