

Senate Resolution 268

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowsert of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending David Andrews; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, David Andrews is a Georgia native who grew up in Johns Creek, Georgia,
3 where he played high school football at Wesleyan; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he graduated from Wesleyan in 2010 as a three-star prospect named in the top
5 ten prospects for centers nationally, and was recruited by the University of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he joined the NFL as a free agent in 2015, was signed onto the New England
7 Patriots in May of that year, started ten out of 16 games, and was runner-up for the 2016 Pro
8 Bowl, based on fan votes; and
- 9 WHEREAS, David played in the indispensable position of center and contributed to the
10 team's overall success through his unyielding perseverance, his keen sensitivity to the
11 developments of each play, and his unconditional support of every other member of the team;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career at the University of Georgia, David received
14 numerous awards that recognized his leadership and contributions to the team, such as the
15 2012 Leon Farmer Award, the 2012 and 2013 Coach's Leadership Award, and the 2014
16 Vince Dooley Award, an award that goes to the most valuable player of the season; and
- 17 WHEREAS, David was named team captain four times during the 2013 season and faithfully
18 served as a permanent captain for the 2014 season; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 2014, he set a team-best 39 consecutive games started and was one of six
20 finalists for the 2014 Rimington Trophy; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2016, despite joining the NFL as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2015,
22 David became the New England Patriots starting center, playing all 16 regular season games
23 and eventually starting in Super Bowl LI, where he earned his first of two Super Bowl wins;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, David returned to his home state in 2018 to help his team win Super Bowl LII
26 against the St. Louis Rams, and was named cocaptain for the second year in a row; and

27 WHEREAS, as this player has earned recognition by performing with vigor and precision
28 over years of training and competition, it is fitting and proper to commend such an
29 outstanding Georgia athlete.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend David Andrews on his extraordinary accomplishment as a
32 student-athlete with the University of Georgia football team, two-time Super Bowl winner,
33 and for his public service to the citizens of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to David Andrews.