

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CONGRATULATING PROFESSIONAL FOOT-
3 BALL PLAYER MATT PARADIS ON WINNING THE FIFTIETH SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, Matt Paradis, Idaho's native son from Council, was the start-
7 ing center for the Super Bowl 50 champion Denver Broncos, hiking the ball to
8 quarterback Peyton Manning; and

9 WHEREAS, Matt grew up in Council, Idaho, on his parents' cattle ranch
10 and developed his mental toughness and dogged determination through a dawn-
11 to-dusk schedule of stacking hay, fixing fence, herding cattle on the back of
12 a bronco, and logging, as well as through playing youth sports; and

13 WHEREAS, Matt was the Idaho eight-man football player of the year in
14 Idaho in 2007, playing multiple positions on both sides of the line for the
15 Council Lumberjacks; and

16 WHEREAS, Matt joined the Boise State Bronco program as a walk-on. Show-
17 ing his grit and determination, he won a scholarship, became the starter at
18 center, and became a two-time All-Mountain West Center during his junior and
19 senior years; and

20 WHEREAS, Matt was drafted in the sixth round by the Denver Broncos and
21 had to once again prove himself by working harder than anyone else on the
22 practice squad during his rookie year; and

23 WHEREAS, Matt again showed his perseverance and belief in himself dur-
24 ing the off-season, becoming the starter by the first game, and was the only
25 member of the Broncos to play every offensive snap of the 2015-2016 regular
26 and post-season; and

27 WHEREAS, "Number 61" also worked hard in the classroom, showing aca-
28 demic prowess by graduating from Boise State University with a double major
29 in Finance and Business Economics; and

30 WHEREAS, Matt comes from a long line of hardworking Idahoans. His
31 father Mike is a long-time logger and rancher in the Council area, and is
32 presently an Adams County Commissioner, and his mother Janice is an elemen-
33 tary school teacher in Council.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
35 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
36 the Senate concurring therein, that we honor Matt Paradis' hard work and we
37 congratulate him on his Super Bowl Championship as the starting center for
38 the Denver Broncos.