

Senate Resolution 859

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Bethel of the 54th, Harper of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Benjamin Watson on his extraordinary accomplishments as a football
2 player and for his public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin Watson enrolled as a student-athlete at the University of Georgia,
4 where he majored in finance; and

5 WHEREAS, after an all-SEC senior campaign, he was drafted in the first round of the 2004
6 NFL draft by the New England Patriots, and in his rookie season, he was blessed to receive
7 a Super Bowl ring; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2005, he made perhaps one of the most notable plays in NFL history when
9 he tackled Denver cornerback, Champ Bailey, one yard short of what would have been a 101
10 yard interception off of Tom Brady; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2010, he led the Cleveland Browns in receptions, receiving yards, and
12 receiving touchdowns, and in 2013, he agreed to terms on a three-year contract with the New
13 Orleans Saints; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson, who serves on the Executive Committee of the NFL Players
15 Association, is united in love and marriage to Kirsten Watson and they have been blessed
16 with five remarkable children; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson and his wife established One More, which is a foundation that is
18 devoted to spreading the love and hope of Christ to One More soul by meeting real needs,
19 promoting education, and providing enrichment opportunities through charitable initiatives
20 and partnerships; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the many accomplishments of Mr.
22 Benjamin Watson be appropriately recognized and commended.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Mr. Benjamin Watson on his extraordinary accomplishments as a football player
25 and for his public service.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Benjamin
28 Watson.