LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CONGRATULATING PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER MATT PARADIS ON WINNING THE FIFTIETH SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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