CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly

RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Jim Cooper, 9th Assembly District; and
the Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D., 13th Assembly District, Relative to commending

Nathan Diaz

Whereas, The exploits of Nathan Diaz, a successful American mixed martial artist from Stockton, have been a source of great joy and pride to the people of the State of California, and upon the occasion of his recent victory over featherweight champion Conor McGregor at Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) 196, it is appropriate to honor and commend him for his numerous accomplishments; and

Whereas, Admired and loved by fans everywhere, Nate Diaz is a black belt in the art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under renowned master Cesar Gracie, and is currently competing for the UFC in the lightweight and welterweight divisions, having previously competed in World Extreme Cagefighting, Strikeforce, and Pancrase in Japan; and

Whereas, Having made his pro debut at the age of 19, Nate brought great credit and distinction to himself upon winning *The Ultimate Fighter 5* tournament in 2007, a title he earned by defeating Manny Gamburyan by technical knockout, and he currently boasts a 20-10 record, which includes 12 wins by submission—the second-most submission wins in UFC history and the most in the modern era—as well as five wins by knockout and eight first-round finishes; and

Whereas, Widely recognized for garnering the most post-fight bonus awards in UFC history, Nate is the fifth fighter on the UFC roster to be awarded bonus payments in all four post-fight award categories, including Fight of the Night seven times, Submission of the Night five times, Knockout of the Night once, and Performance of the Night once; and

Whereas, On March 5, 2016, Nate pulled off one of the biggest upsets in UFC history by submitting featherweight champion Conor McGregor during the main event welterweight fight at UFC 196, a feat celebrated with both Performance of the Night and Fight of the Night awards; and

Whereas, Utilizing his talents and leadership to give back to his local community, Nate owns Gracie Fighter Jiu Jitsu in Lodi, where he teaches self-defense techniques to children, teens, and adults and instills in his students the values of respect, sportsmanship, and responsibility as taught through the sport of mixed martial arts; and

Whereas, The people of California are proud to recognize athletes of the caliber of Nate Diaz, who possess the skill and determination to succeed in their efforts, and who display a keen sense of sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and community involvement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assembly Members Jim Cooper and Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D., That they take great pride in commending Nathan Diaz for his outstanding athletic achievements and for the exemplary record of civic activities that he has displayed throughout his career, and convey to him sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.

Members Resolution No. 824

Dated this 25th day of April, 2016

Jim Cooper
Honorable Jim Cooper
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