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H.R. No. 33

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rio Grande Valley native Valery Tobias has compiled  
2 an impressive list of accomplishments as a track and cross country  
3 athlete; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Tobias first distinguished herself as a runner  
5 during her four years at IDEA Quest Academy and College Prep in  
6 Edinburg; the daughter of Linda and Emilio Tobias, she won three  
7 state titles in the 800-meter event for Class 3A and was the  
8 top-ranked high school runner at that distance in 2018; she also  
9 finished fourth in the 400 meters and the high jump at the 2018  
10 state meet and was a regional champion in cross country; and

11           WHEREAS, Following her graduation, Ms. Tobias went on to  
12 compete at The University of Texas at Austin; as a Longhorn, she  
13 captured several program records and won gold in the 1,000 meters at  
14 the 2023 Big 12 Indoor Championship; moreover, she was part of the  
15 distance medley relay team that won the 2020 Big 12 Women's Indoor  
16 title and set a new school record; in 2022 and 2023, she was named to  
17 the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association  
18 All-American First Team in both the indoor and outdoor 800-meter  
19 races, and she was selected to the All-Big 12 Academic First Team in  
20 2020 and 2022; and

21           WHEREAS, Since concluding her collegiate career, Ms. Tobias  
22 has joined the professional ranks by signing with the Brooks Beasts  
23 Track Club, and she is focusing on qualifying for the 2024 Summer  
24 Olympics in Paris; and

1           WHEREAS, Through her skill, determination, and commitment to  
2 excellence, Valery Tobias has distinguished herself as one of the  
3 nation's premier middle distance runners, and she is a source of  
4 great pride to her many supporters in the Rio Grande Valley; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Valery Tobias for her  
8 achievements as a track and cross country athlete and extend to her  
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Ms. Tobias as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.