

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Del Rio High School boys' track and field team
2 achieved great distinction by winning the 91st annual Border
3 Olympics, held March 3 and 4, 2023, in Laredo; and

4 WHEREAS, The Border Olympics traces its origins to 1932, when
5 it started as a track meet then known as the International Frontier
6 Olympics; over the years, this celebrated event has grown to
7 encompass collegiate golf and tennis tournaments as well as high
8 school baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and cross country
9 competitions in addition the track and field contests; and

10 WHEREAS, Facing off against athletes from 20 schools in South
11 Texas, the Rams tallied a final score of 84 en route to collecting
12 their second-straight team championship, besting their nearest
13 opponent by 21 points; and

14 WHEREAS, Del Rio was especially impressive in the relay
15 events; the foursome of Juan Peralta, Emmanuel Devonte Reyes, Zane
16 Hughes, and Jovahn West clocked a time of 43.08 seconds in the
17 400-meter relay to take home the gold; in the 800-meter relay,
18 Mr. Peralta, Ethan Vasquez, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. West won the gold
19 and set a meet record with a time of 1 minute, 30.23 seconds;
20 moreover, the quartet of Alex Rodriguez, Rolando Rios, Jose Ortiz,
21 and Elian De La Paz finished in fifth place in the 1,600-meter
22 relay; and

23 WHEREAS, In the individual events, Mr. Hughes secured the
24 silver medal in the 200-meter dash and was named a top-10 athlete in

1 the boys' division; Mr. West also received that honor for his
2 performance, which included finishing fifth in the 100-meter dash
3 and soaring 21 feet, 10 inches, in the long jump to claim the bronze
4 medal; Alan Dobbins placed third in both the high jump, with a leap
5 that cleared 6 feet, and in the triple jump, with a distance of 41
6 feet, 10.5 inches; fourth-place finishes were garnered by Mr. De La
7 Paz in the 400-meter dash, Isaac Jimenez in the shot put, and Manuel
8 Padilla in the discus; and

9 WHEREAS, The Rams were also represented at the meet by Aaron
10 Acosta, Cristian Briones, Jose A. Martinez, Steven McBlain, Perry
11 Mcintire, Jonathan Mendoza, Jose Ramirez, Juan Ramos, Andres
12 Rivera, Jayden Rivera, Hugo Rosales, Ricardo J. Torres, and Andrew
13 Villarreal; these dedicated student-athletes were ably guided by
14 head coach Ricardo Torres and assistant coaches Luis Esparza, Ariel
15 Falcon, Ramiro Frausto, David Ruiz, and Chris Wren; and

16 WHEREAS, The Del Rio Rams have excelled through skill, hard
17 work, and an enduring commitment to excellence, and they may
18 reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate the Del Rio High School boys' track
21 and field team on winning the 2023 Border Olympics and extend to the
22 athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
23 success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.

Morales of Maverick

H.R. No. 2500

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2500 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House