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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, August 6, 2003, Stephen Moore won a
2 gold medal in the decathlon at the Pan-American Games held in the
3 Dominican Republic; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore overcame dehydration, a bruised right
5 heel, and a lower back pain to amass 7,809 points in the 10-event
6 competition climaxed by his victory in the 1,500 meters to close out
7 the competition; and

8 WHEREAS, He began his track and field career as 300- and 400-
9 meter hurdler at Borger High School in Borger, Texas; he then joined
10 the Abilene Christian University's nationally acclaimed track team
11 in which he was encouraged by the then ACU track coach Wes Kittley
12 to pursue the decathlon; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore went on to great achievements at the
14 collegiate level by becoming the NCAA Division II decathlon
15 champion in 1996 in only his sophomore year at ACU; he became the
16 NCAA Division II long jump champion in 1999; as a member of the ACU
17 track & field team he aided in the university winning seven NCAA
18 Division II National Championships, which includes both indoor and
19 outdoor championships; he won the silver medal in the decathlon at
20 the 1999 World University Games; and he recently placed fourth in
21 the decathlon at the United States Outdoor Championships held in
22 June 2003; and

23 WHEREAS, At the recent Pan-American Games where he reached
24 success, he was one of four former-ACU athletes to win a total of

1 six medals in the Games of which more than thirty-six nations
2 participated; with his recent achievement Stephen continues to be
3 ranked as one of the top ten decathletes in the United States, an
4 honor he has held each of the past four years;

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore receives continual encouragement from his
6 wife, the former Tiffany Wadley - a 1993 Abilene Cooper High School
7 graduate; his family and friends; his fellow coaches and
8 student-athletes at Wayland Baptist in Plainview, where he is an
9 assistant track coach; and from his former teammates and coaches
10 from Abilene Christian University, where he graduated from in 2000
11 with a bachelor's degree in education; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby honor Stephen Moore for his gold medal in the decathlon at
14 the Pan-American Games and wish him future successes as trains for
15 qualifying for the 2004 Summer Olympics being held in Greece; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Moore as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.