

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ira Walton of Waco recently competed in the 17th
2 annual National Veterans Golden Age Games in Orono, Maine, and his
3 outstanding performance merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year this national, multievent sports and
5 recreational competition draws hundreds of veterans from around the
6 country and provides a clear demonstration of the therapeutic value
7 of sports in the lives of older Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, A unique combination of competition and
9 camaraderie, the games provide not only an opportunity for our
10 country's older veterans to engage in beneficial physical
11 activities but also an occasion to renew the bonds of friendship
12 with fellow servicemen and servicewomen; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Walton participated in four events and,
14 demonstrating remarkable prowess, beat out his competition to claim
15 the gold medals in checkers, horseshoes, and table tennis and the
16 silver medal in dominoes; at 80 years of age, this talented U.S.
17 Army veteran has proven he is still a fierce contender, and it is a
18 pleasure to pay tribute to him at this time; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ira Walton for
21 his many successes at the 17th National Veterans Golden Age Games
22 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 76

1 prepared for Mr. Walton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 76 was adopted by the House on
September 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House