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H.C.R. No. 201

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Del Rio's Todd Hays gained the respect and
2 admiration of fans the world over with his performance at the 2002
3 Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays and the members of his four-man bobsled
5 team ended a frustrating 46-year medal drought for the U.S. Men's
6 Bobsled Team by winning the silver medal at the Salt Lake Games;
7 this Olympic hero also earned a hard-fought fourth-place finish in
8 the two-man team event, a performance that clearly demonstrated the
9 razor-thin margin of error that characterizes this high-speed
10 sport; and

11 WHEREAS, A former Del Rio High School quarterback and college
12 football player, this 1993 national kickboxing champion began his
13 bobsledding career just nine years ago when he won a push contest
14 sponsored by the bobsled federation; his outstanding athletic
15 ability enabled him to succeed early on as a bobsled pusher, but it
16 was his determination and inner strength that led him to excel in
17 the much more demanding role of bobsled driver; and

18 WHEREAS, His road to Olympic glory has been marked by a great
19 deal of personal success and team accomplishment on the national
20 and international levels, including winning the two-man and
21 four-man 2000 U.S. Sliding Sport Championships and the 2000
22 National Team Selection Races; in addition, he won the four-man
23 championship at the 2001 Lake Placid World Cup, earned a silver
24 medal in the four-man competition at the 2001 Winterberg World Cup,

1 and took home gold in the two-man and four-man events at the 2001
2 Calgary World Cup; and

3 WHEREAS, With his remarkable performance at the Salt Lake
4 Games, Mr. Hays firmly established himself as America's premier
5 male bobsled driver and earned a prominent place in the annals of
6 American bobsledding; given his strong work ethic and his rise to
7 the heights of bobsledding excellence, it is clear to his many fans
8 that he will continue to race toward even greater glory in the years
9 to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby congratulate Todd Hays on his success at the 2002 Salt Lake
12 Winter Olympic Games and commend him for his dedication to sporting
13 excellence and for representing the United States of America with
14 dignity, courage, and honor; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Hays as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives and Senate.