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H.C.R. No. 253

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Track and field legend Jim Hines earned the respect
2 and admiration of countless individuals during his remarkable
3 career as one of the world's top sprinters, and it is a privilege to
4 honor this esteemed gentleman at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, Born September 10, 1946, in Dumas, Arkansas, Mr.
6 Hines moved to Oakland, California, with his family in 1952; he
7 developed a love for baseball during his early years, and his
8 astounding speed made him a natural in the outfield; and

9 WHEREAS, It was as a member of his high school track team,
10 however, that he made his mark, going undefeated in the 100-yard and
11 220-yard dashes during his high school career and tying the
12 national prep school record with a 9.4-second 100-yard dash as a
13 senior; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hines attended Texas Southern University in
15 Houston and soon established himself as a leader on the school's
16 track team; he equaled the world record of 9.1 seconds in the
17 100-yard dash, and, at an Amateur Athletic Union Nationals
18 semifinal, he became the first person to break the 10-second
19 barrier in the 100-meter dash; and

20 WHEREAS, At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, Mr. Hines
21 earned a gold medal and the title "World's Fastest Human" after
22 winning the 100-meter dash with a time of 9.95 seconds; he also
23 anchored the men's 4x100-meter relay team, which won gold with a
24 world record time of 38.2 seconds; and

1 WHEREAS, A member of the International Track and Field Hall
2 of Fame, the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame, and the
3 Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Mr. Hines held the 100-meter world record
4 and the "World's Fastest Human" moniker for an astonishing 15
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Few individuals have demonstrated the passion and
7 commitment to excellence that characterized the athletic career of
8 Jim Hines, and as we approach the 35th anniversary of his
9 record-setting Olympic performance, it is fitting that we pause to
10 acknowledge his extraordinary accomplishments; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby commend Jim Hines for his outstanding athletic achievements
14 and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness;
15 and, be it further

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