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H.R. No. 374

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Team Everest '03 is a unique and historic expedition
2 designed not only to conquer the world's highest mountain but also
3 to change the way individuals with disabilities are perceived; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized by the Coalition of Texans with
5 Disabilities (CTD), the project is the result of an 18-month
6 campaign and will culminate in the spring of 2003 with the actual
7 ascent of Mt. Everest; and

8 WHEREAS, Texan Gary Guller will lead the 15-member Challenge
9 Trek team, composed of individuals with varying disabilities, to
10 the Mt. Everest base camp at 17,500 feet; he then plans to continue
11 up the mountain in an attempt to become the first single-armed
12 person ever to scale the perilous peak to its topmost point; and

13 WHEREAS, For its excellence in promoting the potential of
14 people with disabilities, CTD has been named the recipient of the
15 2003 Barbara Jordan Media Award by the Governor's Committee on
16 People with Disabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, The dedicated participants involved in Team Everest
18 '03 understand the many physical challenges and hardships that must
19 be overcome to successfully scale Mt. Everest; they are also
20 acutely aware that perceptions about disabled people can be equally
21 difficult to surmount, and the team's goal of making a positive
22 difference in addressing that problem is truly a meaningful
23 ambition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

1 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2003, as Team Everest '03 Day
2 at the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with this
3 worthy project sincere best wishes for a successful ascent; and, be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Team Everest '03 as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.