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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Paul Carrozza of Austin is the man behind the highly successful RunTex, Inc., one of the premier running shoe and equipment stores in Texas, and this notable businessman and civic leader is a vital contributor to the promotion of fitness and the sport of running in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, A 1985 graduate of Abilene Christian University, Mr. Carrozza ran middle distance for the Wildcat track and field team and earned recognition as an NCAA Division II All-American; during his years as a student athlete at Abilene Christian, he met his wife, Sheila, also a formidable distance runner and the 1985 Lone Star Conference 3,000-meter champion; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as the owner of RunTex, Mr. Carrozza is the footwear editor for *Runner's World* magazine and the founder of RunTex University and RunTex Events, which produces the Motorola Marathon, the Capitol 10,000, and a host of other races and charity events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carrozza's efforts have earned him recognition on the local, state, and national levels; he is co-chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; he is also a board member of the Austin Parks Foundation and the Greater Austin Sports Association; and

WHEREAS, Paul Carrozza has inspired countless individuals to pursue their dreams of physical fitness and has contributed to such

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- 1 worthy organizations as the Capitol Area Food Bank, the Children's
- 2 Advocacy Center, and Habitat for Humanity; his efforts as both a
- 3 businessman and civic leader have earned him the respect and
- 4 admiration of citizens throughout Texas, and he is indeed deserving
- of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Paul Carrozza on his success with
- 8 RunTex, Inc., and his other endeavors and commend him for his
- 9 dedication to organizing hundreds of races in Texas and for his
- 10 contributions to improving the lives of countless Texans; and, be
- 11 it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Mr. Carrozza as an expression of high regard by the
- 14 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 838 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House