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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pamela Crim of Allen is truly deserving of special
2 recognition, for her determination and perseverance have served as
3 an inspiration to all who have come to know her extraordinary story;
4 a stroke survivor, this exceptional young woman has taken the
5 motivation and fortitude that undergirded her recovery and applied
6 them to helping others in the campaign against this tenacious foe;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Owing to a previously undiagnosed condition, Mrs.
9 Crim suffered two strokes before her 25th birthday; the first, more
10 severe, stroke occurred when she was only 19 years old; confounding
11 her doctors' bleak predictions, she rallied and achieved a full
12 recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, Several years later, when she was seven months
14 pregnant, she suffered a second, milder stroke; she gave birth to a
15 healthy son, however, and once again recovered fully; since then,
16 the precipitating cause of her strokes has been determined and
17 medication prescribed to prevent further attacks; and

18 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2002, Mrs. Crim learned of the
19 American Stroke Association's Train to End Stroke Marathon Training
20 Program, in which participants raise money for the association
21 while preparing, with the organization's help, to run a marathon;
22 although she had never run before, she knew immediately that this
23 was something she wanted to do; and

24 WHEREAS, Persuading a coworker to serve as her

1 "accountability partner," she joined the association's Dallas team
2 and began training with the same focus and commitment she had
3 brought to her earlier rehabilitation program; on January 12, 2003,
4 she completed the Walt Disney World Marathon in Orlando, Florida--a
5 26.25-mile race--in 6 hours and 28 minutes; moreover, she raised
6 \$3,500 to contribute to the American Stroke Association's vital
7 efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, Taking her success one step further, Mrs. Crim has
9 signed up to participate in the marathon training program yet
10 again; now, however, she is serving as a mentor for new participants
11 as they prepare to run the Kunitake Farms Kona Marathon in Kona,
12 Hawaii, on June 22, 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, Pamela Crim has not only overcome extreme life
14 challenges, but has used them as stepping-stones to better serve
15 others; impelled by her resilient, adventuresome spirit and her
16 firsthand understanding of the dangers of stroke, she is making a
17 priceless contribution to a crucial cause; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend Pamela Crim on her stellar achievement
20 in completing the Walt Disney World Marathon and on her outstanding
21 volunteer work for the American Stroke Association and extend to
22 her sincere best wishes for success in all of her future endeavors;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mrs. Crim as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.