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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Carly Patterson has inscribed her name in sports
2 history as the second American woman to win the women's gymnastics
3 individual all-around competition, claiming gold at the 2004
4 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece; and

5 WHEREAS, This dynamic young woman was recently named the
6 United States Olympic Committee's 2004 Sportswoman of the Year, a
7 fitting accolade for America's newest international gymnastics
8 star; and

9 WHEREAS, Nicknamed Harley Davidson for her impressive
10 strength and dexterity, Ms. Patterson dazzled millions of
11 spectators around the world with a display of pure poise and
12 athleticism; her powerful tumbling passes during her floor routine
13 awed audience members as she laid claim to the title that had eluded
14 the U.S. women's gymnastics team for 20 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Patterson outshone her competitors, including
16 the reigning world champion, with an overall score of 38.387;
17 driven and focused in the sport since the age of six, she garnered
18 many trophies and medals before winning gymnastics' premier event,
19 including winning the 2002 National Junior Championships, the 2003
20 and 2004 American Cup, and the individual all-around silver and
21 team gold in the 2003 World Championships; and

22 WHEREAS, This achievement is the culmination of years of
23 dedication and training fueled by her unwavering aspiration to
24 strive for this prestigious title; the Olympics began many

1 centuries ago as a celebration of humanity's innate fellowship and
2 potential, and Ms. Patterson has now become a part of that long
3 tradition and is a source of great pride to the community of Allen,
4 to the State of Texas, and to our nation; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby congratulate Carly Patterson on winning the gold medal in
7 the women's gymnastics individual all-around competition at the
8 Athens 2004 Games of the XXVIII Olympiad and extend to her best
9 wishes for success in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Patterson as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.