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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

18 WHEREAS, This achievement is the culmination of years of
19 dedication and training fueled by her unwavering aspiration to
20 strive for this prestigious title; the Olympics began many
21 centuries ago as a celebration of humanity's innate fellowship and
22 potential, and Ms. Patterson has now become a part of that long
23 tradition and is a source of great pride to the community of Allen,
24 to the State of Texas, and to our nation; now, therefore, be it

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

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Patterson as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.