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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, When Darold Williamson of San Antonio captured the  
2 gold medal as the anchor of the men's 1,600-meter relay team in  
3 Athens, he simultaneously captured the hearts of his fellow San  
4 Antonians, and this Olympic hero is most deserving of special  
5 recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson and teammates Otis Harris, Derrick  
7 Brew, and Jeremy Wariner continued America's recent dominance of  
8 the 1,600-meter relay event, winning with a time of 2 minutes, 55.91  
9 seconds--nearly 5 seconds ahead of second-place Australia and just  
10 tenths of a second off the Olympic record; and

11           WHEREAS, A two-time Big 12 Conference champion in the 400  
12 meters, Mr. Williamson joined the Baylor University track team  
13 after a stellar career at Holmes High School; in 2002, he  
14 established himself as a star by winning the world junior 400-meter  
15 championship and U.S. junior 400-meter championship; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson's fourth-place finish in the 400  
17 meters at the U.S. Olympic trials earned him a place in the  
18 1,600-meter relay pool, and his strong showing in the event's  
19 semifinal earned him the opportunity to anchor the American team in  
20 the main event and demonstrate his impressive speed and athleticism  
21 on sport's grandest stage; and

22           WHEREAS, The first San Antonian to win Olympic gold in track  
23 and field, Mr. Williamson has inscribed his name in the annals of  
24 sports history, and his contributions to the U.S. Olympic team have

1 earned him the admiration not only of the citizens of Texas but also  
2 of countless citizens throughout America; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Darold Williamson for winning gold  
5 at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and extend to him best wishes for  
6 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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