R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Terrell native Randy Snow received a significant
2 honor on July 1, 2004, when he became the first Paralympian to be
3 inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame; and

4   WHEREAS, The only athlete to be awarded medals in three
5 different Paralympic Games in three different sports, Mr. Snow
6 worked hard to become one of the world's top wheelchair athletes
7 after a 1975 farming accident left him paralyzed from the waist
8 down; and

9   WHEREAS, This intense and passionate competitor captured a
10 silver medal in the 1,500-meter exhibition at the 1984 Olympics
11 before grabbing gold in the same event at the 1984 Paralympics; he
12 garnered gold again in 1992 as the Paralympic tennis champion, and
13 four years later he brought home a bronze medal for basketball; the
14 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games were especially memorable for Mr.
15 Snow because he was selected to receive the Paralympic torch from
16 President Bill Clinton in Washington, D.C.; and

17   WHEREAS, Mr. Snow's enshrinement in the U.S. Olympic Hall of
18 Fame finds him in excellent company; other members of the Class of
19 2004 include swimmers Matt Biondi and Janet Evans, speedskaters
20 Bonnie Blair and Dan Jansen, track and field stars Florence
21 Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersee, and soccer great Mia Hamm
22 and the 1996 team she led to gold; and

23   WHEREAS, Today, Randy Snow is one of the country's most
24 sought-after motivational speakers, and his induction into the U.S.

1 Olympic Hall of Fame is an inspirational reminder of the strength of

2 the human spirit and one man's triumph over adversity; now,

3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

5 Legislature hereby congratulate Randy Snow on his induction into

6 the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame and extend to him best wishes for

7 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

9 prepared for Mr. Snow as an expression of high regard by the Texas

10 House of Representatives.