

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, April 4, 2005, is a day of great significance in the  
2 lives of Victor and Krista Simonds of Pflugerville, for on that date  
3 their beloved youngest daughter, Rachel Li Simonds, officially  
4 becomes a citizen of this state and nation; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Simonds went to great lengths to find  
6 the little girl of their dreams, having traveled to Guangzhou,  
7 China, in the winter of 2003 to adopt Rachel, who was born on  
8 November 28, 2002, and bring her home to the Lone Star State; and

9           WHEREAS, Rachel's Chinese adoption decree is being formally  
10 recognized on April 4 in an order being issued by the 250th District  
11 Court of Travis County, which gives it the same validity as if it  
12 had been originally ordered by a Texas court, and her proud parents  
13 are also receiving a valid birth certificate from the Department of  
14 State Health Services; and

15           WHEREAS, Initially granted permanent resident status on her  
16 entry into the United States, Rachel becomes a United States  
17 citizen on that same day per the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 and  
18 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Regulations,  
19 and it is a privilege to acknowledge this charming young lady's new  
20 status at this time; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Victor and Krista Simonds on the  
23 adoption of their daughter, Rachel Li Simonds, and on the occasion  
24 of her naturalization as a United States citizen and extend to

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1 Rachel sincere best wishes for a bright and promising future; and,  
2 be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Rachel and her parents as an expression of high regard  
5 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 974 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House