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H.R. No. 974

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

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.