

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bobby Morrow, world-renowned three gold medal
2 winner in the Track and Field Championships at the Olympic Games of
3 1956 held in Melbourne, Australia, will celebrate in 2006 the 50th
4 anniversary of his historic feat; and

5 WHEREAS, He was considered to be the "fastest human in the
6 world" because of his winning the 100-meter dash and also the
7 200-meter dash in a world record time of 20.75 seconds in the World
8 Olympics; and

9 WHEREAS, His accomplishments in the 100-meter dash, the
10 200-meter dash, and the 4 X 100 relay team at this world-class event
11 were heralded by the news media in every country of the world, and
12 he graced the covers of *Life* magazine, *Sport Magazine*, *Track and*
13 *Field Magazine*, and *Sports Illustrated* magazine, in which he was
14 named Sportsman of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, He was awarded the prestigious Sullivan Award as the
16 top amateur athlete in the United States in 1957 by the New York
17 Athletic Association, was named Southwesterner of the Year by the
18 Texas Sports Writers Association, as well as the Amateur Athlete of
19 the Year by that organization, Athlete of the Year in 1956 by *Sport*
20 *Magazine*, Athlete of the Year in 1956 by a poll taken by the Knute
21 Rockne Foundation among the sportswriters and sportscasters of
22 America, and was listed in the Outstanding Young Men of America in
23 that special year; and

24 WHEREAS, Bobby Morrow grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, where

1 he graduated from San Benito High School as one of the premier
2 track-and-field high school athletes in America; and

3 WHEREAS, San Benito, Texas, named its new high school
4 gymnasium after Bobby Morrow; and

5 WHEREAS, The image of Bobby Morrow crossing the Olympic
6 finish line graces Coca-Cola playing cards and Kodak film boxes;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The veteran sportswriter Maxwell Stiles of Los
9 Angeles named Bobby Morrow the greatest sprinter of all time; and

10 WHEREAS, He personally appeared on numerous radio and
11 television networks, including the syndicated *Ed Sullivan Show* and
12 *What's My Line* television show; and

13 WHEREAS, He has been inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of
14 Fame, the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall
15 of Fame, the Helms Track and Field Hall of Fame, the National
16 Athletic Intercollegiate Association Hall of Fame, and the Abilene
17 Christian University Hall of Fame where he received his college
18 degree in 1958 and was a student listed in *Who's Who among students*
19 *in American Colleges and Universities*; and

20 WHEREAS, He was named one of the Nine Great Living Americans
21 by the United States Chamber of Commerce in 1957 and was received by
22 the President and Vice President of the United States and numerous
23 mayors and governors across America; and

24 WHEREAS, One of his three gold medals was given to the
25 Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; another was given to
26 the Texas Sports Hall of Fame; and his third gold medal was given to
27 his alma mater, Abilene Christian University, and it has recently

1 been displayed in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum's
2 Legends of Sports Exhibit in our state capital city; and

3 WHEREAS, He is the proud father of twins, Ron Morrow of
4 Eules, Texas, and Vicki Morrow Watson of Hurst, Texas, and another
5 daughter, Elizabeth Kelton of Austin, Texas, and he and his wife,
6 Judy, now reside in Sealy, Texas, near Houston; and

7 WHEREAS, He will be forever remembered as a one-of-a-kind
8 champion who brought fame to the great State of Texas and the United
9 States of America, which he represented in international
10 competitions, and he has been admired around the world by young and
11 old alike from all walks of life; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby salute Bobby Morrow for his lifetime
14 achievements upon the golden anniversary of his three gold medal
15 victories in the Melbourne, Australia, Olympic Games; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Bobby Morrow and his family as well as the libraries of
19 his hometown, his alma mater, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

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McReynolds
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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 1369

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1369 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House