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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 200
7 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 200
10 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 he
12 graced the covers of LIFE MAGAZINE, SPORT MAGAZINE, TRACK AND FIELD
13 MAGAZINE, and SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE in which he was named
14 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, named Southwesterner of the Year by the Texas
18 Sports Writers Association, as well as the Amateur Athlete of the
19 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 sport writers 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 premiere
2 track and field high school athletes in America; and

3 WHEREAS, San Benito, Texas named it's 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 sports writer 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 as Who's Who student among students in Colleges and
19 Universities in America; 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 History Museum's, Legends
2 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 has been admired around the world by young and old
11 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 Texas Sports Hall of Fame.