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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Darold Williamson of San Antonio played a pivotal  
2 role in claiming Olympic gold in the men's 1,600-meter relay in  
3 Athens in 2004, sealing the American team's victory with an  
4 inspired anchor leg; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson and teammates Otis Harris, Derrick  
6 Brew, and Jeremy Wariner continued America's recent dominance of  
7 the 1,600-meter relay event, winning with a time of 2 minutes, 55.91  
8 seconds--nearly 5 seconds ahead of second-place Australia and just  
9 tenths of a second off the Olympic record; and

10 WHEREAS, A two-time Big 12 Conference champion in the 400  
11 meters, Mr. Williamson joined the Baylor University track team  
12 after a stellar career at Holmes High School; in 2002, he  
13 established himself as a star by winning the world junior 400-meter  
14 championship and U.S. junior 400-meter championship; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson's fourth-place finish in the 400  
16 meters at the U.S. Olympic trials earned him a place in the  
17 1,600-meter relay pool, and his strong showing in the event's  
18 semifinal earned him the opportunity to anchor the American team in  
19 the main event and demonstrate his impressive speed and athleticism  
20 on sport's grandest stage; and

21 WHEREAS, With his impressive performance at the 2004 Athens  
22 Olympic Games, Mr. Williamson has inscribed his name in the annals  
23 of sports history, and his contributions to the U.S. Olympic team  
24 have earned him the admiration not only of the citizens of Texas but

1 also of countless citizens throughout America; now, therefore, be  
2 it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Darold Williamson for winning gold  
5 at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and extend to him best wishes for  
6 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Mr. Williamson as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.