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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Having demonstrated outstanding skill and
2 athleticism at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, Dana
3 Vollmer of Granbury has returned home to the Lone Star State
4 clasping a gold medal for her performance in the 800-meter
5 freestyle relay competition; and

6 WHEREAS, The holder of several age-group records in Texas,
7 Ms. Vollmer had her first experience with Olympic-level competition
8 at the age of 12, when she was the youngest competitor at the 2000
9 Olympic Trials; following that appearance, she garnered a host of
10 accolades, including gold medals in the 200-meter freestyle, the
11 800-meter freestyle relay, and the 400-meter medley relay at the
12 2003 Pan American Games; and

13 WHEREAS, Looking to extend her string of successes into 2004,
14 Ms. Vollmer arrived at the Olympic Games in Athens with the same
15 determination and courage that have steeled her against a serious
16 heart condition that she competes with on a daily basis; and

17 WHEREAS, Swimming the third leg of the 800-meter freestyle
18 relay, Ms. Vollmer assisted her team in setting a world record of
19 7:53.42 in the finals, eclipsing the 17-year-old record by more
20 than two seconds to claim the coveted gold medal; in individual
21 competition, she earned sixth place in the 200-meter freestyle
22 race, where she was the only American competing in the finals and
23 the first American to do so in eight years; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed athlete has secured her place in the

1 annals of swimming history and will forever be a world champion;
2 moreover, she serves as a role model for all people facing
3 formidable challenges and has earned the lasting respect and
4 admiration of her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dana Vollmer of Granbury on winning
7 a gold medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, as a
8 member of the women's 800-meter freestyle relay team and extend to
9 her best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Vollmer as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.