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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of seven days, Mikail Davenport  
2 traveled 350 miles via handcycle from South Padre Island to Austin,  
3 completing the Capitol Ride '05 and demonstrating the capabilities  
4 of cancer survivors and people with disabilities; and

5           WHEREAS, The Capitol Ride '05 is a project of the  
6 Austin-based Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, and  
7 Mr. Davenport's participation has helped raise awareness about the  
8 challenges faced by the disabled; a native Texan, the 56-year-old  
9 Austinite contracted polio at the age of two and has spent much of  
10 his life demonstrating the extent of his abilities; and

11           WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. Davenport began competing in 5K, 10K,  
12 and marathon events using his wheelchair; just two years later, he  
13 lost a third of his left lung shortly after learning that he had  
14 developed lung cancer; since that time, he has successfully  
15 completed several notable endurance events, a tribute to his  
16 strength of character, physical stamina, and commitment to  
17 triumphing over adversity; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport arrived in the Capitol City flanked by  
19 a group of disabled children using racing wheelchairs and also  
20 joined by Austin mayor Will Wynn; the enthusiastic assemblage  
21 traveled up Congress Avenue to the south steps of the Capitol, where  
22 the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities held a statewide  
23 disability rally to celebrate the conclusion of Mr. Davenport's  
24 seven-day adventure; and

1           WHEREAS, A truly remarkable individual, Mikail Davenport has  
2 inspired countless people, disabled or not, through his  
3 participation in an array of physically challenging contests, and  
4 his completion of the Capitol Ride '05 has undoubtedly raised  
5 awareness of the capabilities of cancer survivors and people with  
6 disabilities; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize Mikail Davenport and Capitol Ride '05  
9 and commend all those who supported Mr. Davenport in the  
10 realization and completion of this unique and inspiring event; and,  
11 be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Davenport and the Coalition of Texans with  
14 Disabilities as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
15 Representatives.