

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1028

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize United States Olympic swimmer Dana Vollmer of Granbury for her momentous achievement of winning a gold medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, as a member of the women's 800-meter freestyle relay team; and

WHEREAS, Dana swam the third leg of the relay, helping her team set a world record of 7:53.42 in the Olympic finals; their time shattered a 17-year-old record by more than two seconds; and

WHEREAS, Dana also placed sixth in the individual 200-meter freestyle; she was the only American to reach the finals in that event and was the first American to do so in eight years; Dana's other accomplishments include winning the 200-meter freestyle at the 2003 Pan American Games and at the 2004 Olympic Trials; and

WHEREAS, Dana has been swimming competitively at a very high level for many years; she holds several age-group records in Texas, and she was the youngest competitor at the 2000 Olympic Trials at the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, Dana is recognized for her courage; she competes daily with an ongoing, serious heart condition that sometimes causes her heart to stop without warning; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary young woman with a promising future, Dana inspires others with her spirit, tenacity, and athleticism, and her accomplishments are a source of pride to her family, her community, and her state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Dana Vollmer for her outstanding achievements in the Olympic Games; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate