

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Texas has nurtured the athletic  
2 capacity, the self-confidence, and the leadership skills of its  
3 participants for nearly four decades, and many of its athletes are  
4 visiting the Capitol on March 6, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1969, Special Olympics Texas organized  
6 the first Summer Games that same year, and soon the annual event was  
7 attracting thousands of athletes; the 1980s saw the creation of the  
8 Law Enforcement Torch Run, a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics  
9 movement in which law enforcement officers run the Flame of Hope to  
10 opening ceremonies, and the following decade brought about the  
11 addition of the Winter Games; and

12 WHEREAS, In the ensuing years, Special Olympics Texas has  
13 grown to encompass some 25,000 athletes participating in more than  
14 200 annual competitions at area, regional, and state levels, making  
15 it one of the largest Special Olympics programs in the world; a  
16 Texas team traveled abroad for the first time for the 2003 Special  
17 Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland, with more than 55  
18 athletes participating, and two years later, the state was  
19 represented in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in  
20 Nagano, Japan; in October 2007, some 60 athletes will compete in the  
21 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China; and

22 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Texas showcases and celebrates the  
23 talent, drive, and dedication of those individuals with  
24 intellectual disabilities, and, in so doing, empowers its

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1 participants to share in the joys of competition and teamwork; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby commend Special Olympics Texas for its exceptional programs  
5 and extend to the athletes here today a warm welcome to the Capitol;  
6 and, be it further

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

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 135 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 135 was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor