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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A superior athlete who established herself as one of
2 the country's finest collegiate divers, Kelly Jenkins Madden has
3 been inducted into The University of Texas Women's Athletics Hall
4 of Honor; and

5 WHEREAS, A Houston native, she began demonstrating her
6 impressive abilities as a diver as a young girl; she was the
7 national champion in her age group 11 times, competed on the United
8 States Diving Team for six years, and was ranked as the number one
9 diver in the world in her age bracket each year between 1981 and
10 1988; during her career at Memorial High School, she never lost a
11 meet and became the first person to be crowned all-state diving
12 champion for four consecutive years, garnering the Texas Female
13 Athlete of the Year award as a senior; and

14 WHEREAS, This talented and hard-working athlete joined the
15 women's swimming and diving team at The University of Texas at
16 Austin in 1987 and contributed greatly to the outstanding success
17 that the Longhorns enjoyed in that sport in the late 1980s and early
18 1990s; the team captured the NCAA championship in three of the four
19 years that Ms. Jenkins was a member--1988, 1990, and 1991; although
20 Texas came in second in the team competition at the championship
21 meet in 1989, Ms. Jenkins was named the NCAA three-meter
22 springboard diving champion that year and became the first Longhorn
23 to win an individual diving title; in the course of her competitive
24 career at the university, she received nine All-American honors and

1 a place on the Southwest Conference's All-Decade Team; and

2 WHEREAS, Successful in the classroom as well as on the diving
3 board, she graduated second in her high school class of nearly 600
4 students and was a two-time Academic All-American at The University
5 of Texas; graduating with a 3.85 grade-point average in her
6 architectural engineering major, Ms. Jenkins went on to enjoy a
7 successful tenure as a structural engineer; she married in 1993 and
8 is the mother of four children; and

9 WHEREAS, Combining outstanding athletic achievement with
10 scholarly excellence, Kelly Jenkins Madden challenged herself to
11 fulfill her highest potential as a gifted student athlete, and her
12 exemplary accomplishments as a Longhorn truly make her worthy of a
13 place among the university's finest sports figures; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Kelly Jenkins Madden for her
17 induction into The University of Texas Women's Athletics Hall of
18 Honor and extend to her best wishes for happiness and success in all
19 her endeavors; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Ms. Madden as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.