

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Swimming prodigy Mary Beck of Westlake High School  
2 set a new national high school record in the 200-yard individual  
3 medley at the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championships, held at  
4 The University of Texas at Austin Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming  
5 Center on February 16 and 17, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, The 15-year-old sophomore, who had previously set  
7 the national record two weeks earlier only to see it bested,  
8 regained the top mark in the meet's preliminary round with a time of  
9 1 minute, 57.74 seconds; she then topped her own record in the  
10 finals when she touched the wall at 1:57.41, a full five seconds  
11 ahead of her closest competitor; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Beck, a Colorado transfer who won her first  
13 state title at the age of eight, also nabbed a silver medal in the  
14 500-yard freestyle and garnered two gold medals in team relay  
15 events; and

16           WHEREAS, The individual medley is a true benchmark of  
17 swimming excellence and all-around ability, as this challenging  
18 event requires participants to demonstrate skill in all four  
19 strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle; in  
20 addition to being proficient in the four diverse strokes, swimmers  
21 must seamlessly transition from one style to the next without  
22 losing precious seconds; and

23           WHEREAS, Ms. Beck's performance not only brought the Olympic  
24 hopeful well-deserved recognition, it also helped her team take

1 home the state crown, and she will always be able to look back with  
2 pride on this exciting championship experience; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Beck on setting a new national  
6 high school record in the 200-yard individual medley and extend to  
7 her best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be  
8 it further

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

Howard of Travis

H.R. No. 829

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 829 was adopted by the House on March 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House