

By: Howard of Travis

H.R. No. 829

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.