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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Tiffany Vargas of Raymondville enjoyed a 2 record-setting performance at the National Athlete Strength 3 Association national powerlifting meet in Oklahoma City, winning 4 the super heavyweight division title in dominating fashion; and

5 WHEREAS, The talented 17-year-old senior from Raymondville 6 High School received the National Championship Most Outstanding 7 Lifter Award after setting numerous records and leaving her closest 8 competitors far behind; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Vargas broke the American and world teenage 10 records with her squat lift of 584.22 pounds, while her bench press 11 of 253.53 pounds established a new American mark and tied the world 12 teenage record; the American record also fell after she lifted 13 424.39 pounds in the deadlift, and her combined lift total of 14 1,262.14 pounds also set new American and world teenage records; 15 and

WHEREAS, The national success of this gifted young woman 16 comes as no surprise to those who witnessed her performances at the 17 18 Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association regional and state meets; in the regional competition, she bench pressed 240 19 pounds and deadlifted 390 pounds, and her squat of 555 pounds and 20 21 total lift of 1,185 pounds set new regional records; she went on to 22 break state records for squat and total lift at the state meet, 23 lifting 585 pounds and 1,230 pounds, respectively, and she improved on her regional performance with a 245-pound bench press and a 24

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1 410-pound deadlift; and

2 WHEREAS, Coached by Gerardo Villarreal, Ms. Vargas has 3 competed in powerlifting for just two years, a fact that 4 underscores her impressive strength and natural ability, as well as 5 her admirable work ethic and the helpful support of her mother, 6 Norma Montes; she is an inspiration to all who know her, and her 7 achievements are indeed worthy of legislative recognition; now, 8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 10 Legislature hereby congratulate Tiffany Vargas on her regional, 11 state, and national powerlifting championships and extend to her 12 best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it 13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for Ms. Vargas as an expression of high regard by the Texas 16 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2565 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House