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H.C.R. No. 146

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sally Kipyego has been honored by the YWCA of
2 Lubbock with a Women of Excellence Special Award for her remarkable
3 athletic achievements, and her selection for this tribute is most
4 fitting; and

5 WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award was created in 1989 to
6 emphasize the vital roles that women play in both the civic and
7 professional worlds, honoring women for their achievements and for
8 their contributions to the community as leaders and volunteers; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the most accomplished women's cross-country
10 runners in NCAA Division I history, Ms. Kipyego has never lost a
11 race in three seasons at Texas Tech University; with three
12 consecutive national championships, she garnered as many
13 prestigious Honda Collegiate Women Sports Awards, becoming only the
14 eighth person to win three straight in any sport in the award's
15 33-year history; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Kipyego led her team to a program-best sixth
17 place at the 2006 national meet and seventh in 2008, and she was
18 named regional and national Female Cross Country Athlete of the
19 Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches
20 Association each season she competed; she also was the Big 12
21 Newcomer of the Year in 2006 and an Academic All-Big 12 second team
22 honoree in 2007, and she has won a total of eight national titles to
23 date; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to setting the NCAA cross-country

1 championship meet and course record in 2008, Ms. Kipyego holds NCAA
2 records in the indoor 3,000 meters and the outdoor 10,000 meters;
3 indoors, she won national titles for 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters
4 in 2007 and 5,000 meters in 2008, earning national Athlete of the
5 Year honors; she was also Big 12 champion in the distance medley
6 relay, mile, and 3,000 meters in 2007 and in the mile and 3,000
7 meters in 2008, earning Big 12 Indoor Track Female Athlete of the
8 Year both seasons; and

9 WHEREAS, In outdoor competition, Ms. Kipyego has national
10 titles in the 10,000 meters and 5,000 meters, adding All America
11 status in the 5,000 meters in 2007 and 1,500 meters in 2008; she was
12 honored as the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches
13 Association Female Track Athlete of the Year in 2008 and swept the
14 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters at the Big 12 Championships; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Kipyego began her college career at South Plains
16 College, where she won national titles in cross-country and the
17 1,500 meters, 5,000 meters, and 10,000 meters outdoors, earned
18 Female Athlete of the Year honors, and was named a Lady Texan
19 Academic Athlete; she is currently on schedule to earn her
20 bachelor's degree in nursing in May; and

21 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Women of Excellence Award,
22 Sally Kipyego joins an elite group of women who have been honored by
23 the YWCA of Lubbock; distinguished by her intelligence,
24 determination, and talent, she is indeed a worthy role model for
25 this and future generations; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
27 hereby congratulate Sally Kipyego on receiving the YWCA of

1 Lubbock's Women of Excellence 2009 Special Award for athletic
2 achievements and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
3 success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Ms. Kipyego as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.