

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rachael Elizabeth Flatt became the 2008 World Junior  
2 Figure Skating Champion at the event held February 24 through March  
3 2 in Sofia, Bulgaria; and

4           WHEREAS, Considered an underdog entering the World Juniors,  
5 Ms. Flatt captured the championship by taking first place in the  
6 free-skate competition while setting personal bests in the short,  
7 long, and overall programs; moreover, she was graded highly on her  
8 execution for nearly all elements of her routines, which  
9 contributed to her win; and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. Flatt was skating by the time she was four years  
11 old and won the U.S. National Novice title at age 12; she went on to  
12 claim a silver medal in the Junior Ladies division at the 2006 U.S.  
13 Figure Skating Championships, and in 2007 she won the Senior Ladies  
14 titles at both regional and sectional competitions; her  
15 international debut as a junior came in her victorious performance  
16 at the International Challenge Cup in March 2007; and

17           WHEREAS, Born in California, Ms. Flatt now resides in  
18 Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she trains with coaches Tom  
19 Zakrajsek and Becky Calvin; she is a junior at Cheyenne Mountain  
20 High School, where she maintains a straight-A average, and she  
21 plans to pursue a career in sports medicine; in her spare time, she  
22 enjoys tennis, surfing, skiing, playing piano, and spending time  
23 with her dogs, Lucy and Ethel; and

24           WHEREAS, The outstanding accomplishments of this highly

1 skilled athlete are a testament to her hard work and competitive  
2 drive, and these attributes will continue to serve her well in all  
3 of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Rachael Elizabeth Flatt on winning  
6 the 2008 World Junior Figure Skating Championship and extend to her  
7 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Brown of Kaufman

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
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Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
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Anderson	Guillen	Moody
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Bonnen	Harless	Orr
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Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
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Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 253 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House