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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.