

By: Howard of Fort Bend

H.R. No. 432

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Derek Schottle of Sugar Land has deservedly been
2 named the 2008 Male Athlete of the Year by Special Olympics Texas;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, This notable honor pays tribute to athletes who best
5 embody the spirit of Special Olympics; nominations for the award
6 are made on the basis of several criteria, including an athlete's
7 sportsmanship, leadership, involvement in Special Olympics events
8 and programs, and participation in school and community activities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Schottle received further recognition for his
11 work in Special Olympics when he attended the Big 12 Conference
12 football title game in Kansas City on December 6, 2008, and was
13 presented with a conference championship ring; and

14 WHEREAS, Referred to affectionately as "Tank," a nickname he
15 earned while playing football for Lamar Consolidated High School,
16 Mr. Schottle has taken part in Special Olympic competitions for
17 more than five years; he is captain of the Lamar Renegades team and
18 competes in basketball, softball, and track; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his Special Olympic activities,
20 Mr. Schottle continues to be involved with the Lamar football team,
21 serving as its athletic trainer and manager; moreover, he had the
22 honor of being voted his school's 2008 prom king; and

23 WHEREAS, Derek Schottle has gained the respect of his fellow
24 athletes for his positive attitude and enthusiasm, and his many

1 achievements on and off the field are indications of the
2 outstanding work ethic and character of this admirable young man;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Derek Schottle on being named the
6 2008 Male Athlete of the Year by Special Olympics Texas and extend
7 to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness;
8 and, be it further

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