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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rushan Gao of Houston has once again excelled in his  
2 work as a talented participant in and dedicated sponsor of senior  
3 table tennis competition in 2010; and

4           WHEREAS, Already a highly successful player, Mr. Gao, age 89,  
5 added to his long list of accomplishments with outstanding  
6 performances in six tournaments, collecting a total of 15 gold  
7 medals and 1 silver medal over the course of the year; and

8           WHEREAS, This determined competitor dominated play in the  
9 singles, doubles, and mixed doubles events at the Houston Senior  
10 Table Tennis Open, at both the San Antonio and Brazos Valley Senior  
11 Olympic Games, and at the Nevada and Texas State Senior Olympic  
12 Games; he also continued his tradition of excellence at the  
13 prestigious Huntsman World Senior Games, claiming two gold medals  
14 in table tennis events and a silver in bridge; it was the sixth  
15 consecutive year he has won at least two table tennis gold medals at  
16 the Huntsman games, and he took home three golds each year between  
17 2005 and 2009; and

18           WHEREAS, In his senior games career, Mr. Gao has earned 83  
19 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 6 bronze medals; most have come  
20 in table tennis, but he has also distinguished himself at bridge and  
21 in the two-mile walk; his triumphs are all the more impressive given  
22 the fact that he suffers from a serious heart condition that has  
23 required intensive medical treatment; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Gao takes part in sporting events to promote the

1 positive benefits of physical fitness regardless of one's age; he  
2 has furthered that message through his ongoing sponsorship of the  
3 Houston Senior Table Tennis Open and a family relative group  
4 tournament, and his efforts have helped convince his fellow Houston  
5 residents to become more active; and

6 WHEREAS, Rushan Gao remains an inspiration for Texans young  
7 and old, and his enduring success as a sportsman and physical  
8 fitness advocate is indeed deserving of recognition; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Rushan Gao on another year of  
12 notable sporting achievements in 2010 and extend to him sincere  
13 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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