

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Thomas Randall Snow of Terrell experienced a  
2 life-changing accident while still a teen, yet he went on to become  
3 a world-renowned athlete who inspired countless admirers across the  
4 Lone Star State and beyond; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on May 24, 1959, Randy Snow was a state-ranked  
6 tennis player dreaming of a pro career when he was paralyzed at the  
7 age of 16 in a farm accident; he graduated from Terrell High School  
8 and enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, establishing a  
9 wheelchair basketball team there, and he later transferred to The  
10 University of Texas at Arlington and participated in the school's  
11 wheelchair athletic program, ultimately earning a bachelor's  
12 degree in 1986; he subsequently received a master's degree in  
13 psychology from the University of Phoenix; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Snow competed in wheelchair tennis, track, and  
15 basketball, with an impressive record of success in all three  
16 sports; after receiving a standing ovation and a silver medal for  
17 his performance in the men's 1500-meter wheelchair exhibition race  
18 at the 1984 Summer Olympics, he helped focus attention on disabled  
19 athletes and assisted in the launch of the Paralympic Games; he was  
20 a 16-time U.S. Open wheelchair champion between 1981 and 1993, won  
21 gold medals in the 1992 Summer Paralympic Games in Barcelona for  
22 singles and doubles tennis, and was a member of the bronze  
23 medal-winning wheelchair basketball team at the 1996 Atlanta Games;  
24 moreover, he was named outstanding athlete at the National

1 Wheelchair Games and became the only participant to medal in three  
2 different sports in the summer Paralympic Games; and

3 WHEREAS, This notable competitor was inducted into the Texas  
4 Tennis Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National Spinal Cord Injury Hall  
5 of Fame in 2005, and he was the first paralympian inducted into the  
6 U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Also a leader in business and motivational speaking  
8 and the author of three books, Mr. Snow conducted the Randy Snow  
9 Wheelchair Tennis Camps and developed the United States  
10 Professional Tennis Association wheelchair certification; he had a  
11 20-year career with Sunrise Medical, a company that makes  
12 wheelchairs and other devices, and he founded his own venture, NO  
13 XQs, Inc., in 1999; in addition, he served on the board of the  
14 Terrell Friends of the Library and was active in Wheels for  
15 Humanity, Turning Point Nation, and other groups that encourage and  
16 support individuals with disabilities; he was leading a wheelchair  
17 tennis camp in El Salvador for the International Tennis Federation  
18 at the time of his death on November 19, 2009, and he was  
19 posthumously inducted into the U.S. Professional Tennis  
20 Association Hall of Fame the following year; and

21 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the annual Kaufman County Day  
22 festivities at the State Capitol, the date of March 7, 2011, is also  
23 being recognized as Randy Snow Day in memory of this longtime county  
24 resident and esteemed Texan; and

25 WHEREAS, Refusing to let his disability define him, Randy  
26 Snow brought to all of his endeavors great skill, optimism, and  
27 determination, and his achievements have touched more lives than he

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1 could ever know; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2011, as Randy Snow Day and  
4 pay tribute to the life and legacy of this remarkable Texan.

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Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
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Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
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Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
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Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
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Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 737 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 7, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House