

By: Hancock

H.R. No. 1109

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Champion gymnast Colby Bannister of North Richland
2 Hills has been selected to compete for Team USA in the 2011 Special
3 Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bannister is one of just two male gymnasts who
5 will be representing the United States at the games, which will take
6 place from June 25 through July 4; he will be part of an American
7 entourage of more than 300 athletes who will join more than 7,000
8 other competitors from 185 nations around the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bannister has been actively competing in
10 gymnastics for the past two years, and in that short time, he has
11 established himself as a top athlete, winning 19 gold and 3 silver
12 medals; he is coached by Scott Taylor and LeAnn Sweny of Top Flight
13 Gymnastics Training Center in Southlake; and

14 WHEREAS, In recognition of his abilities, Mr. Bannister has
15 been named the Area 11 Male Athlete of the Year; he has also earned
16 the Area 11 Outreach Award, and his family was named the Special
17 Olympics Texas Family of the Year; Mr. Bannister serves on the board
18 of directors for Special Olympics Texas and travels throughout the
19 United States promoting this outstanding program as a Senior Global
20 Messenger; he enjoys public speaking and motivating others by
21 telling his story; and

22 WHEREAS, Competing on the world stage as a representative of
23 one's country is both an honor and a challenge, and Colby
24 Bannister's talent and determination are sure to serve him well as

1 he takes part in the Athens games; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Colby Bannister on being selected
4 to compete in gymnastics at the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer
5 Games as a member of Team USA and extend to him sincere best wishes
6 in his quest to bring home the gold; and, be it further

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