

By: Price

H.R. No. 2780

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Natasha Helmick, whose soccer career ended after she  
2 suffered five concussions in four years, was instrumental in the  
3 passage of House Bill 2038, requiring Texas schools to establish a  
4 protocol for dealing with student athletes suspected to have  
5 sustained a concussion; and

6           WHEREAS, The legislation, which was authored by State  
7 Representative Four Price, has been named "Natasha's Law" in her  
8 honor; Ms. Helmick began playing soccer at the age of four; she  
9 participated in the 2005 Stars 'N Stripes International Soccer  
10 Tour, competing at the Dana Cup in Denmark and the Gothia Cup in  
11 Sweden, and she was voted both Player of the Gothia Cup and Player  
12 of the Tour; she was subsequently recruited by multiple colleges  
13 and looked forward to fulfilling her dream to play on the U.S.  
14 Olympic team until a medical evaluation changed the course of her  
15 path; today, she is studying at Texas State University with plans to  
16 pursue a career in athletic training; and

17           WHEREAS, Ms. Helmick worked hard to ensure the success of  
18 H.B. 2038; she not only gave passionate testimony before the House  
19 Committee on Public Health and the Senate Committee on Health and  
20 Human Services, but also discussed the bill's importance with  
21 numerous members of the legislature and spoke at a press conference  
22 at the Capitol shortly after the bill was introduced in the House;  
23 along the way, she impressed Representative Price and his staff  
24 with her perseverance and winning attitude; and

1           WHEREAS, Personally invested in House Bill 2038 becoming law,  
2 Natasha Helmick distinguished herself through her outstanding  
3 advocacy in its behalf, and Representative Price expresses his  
4 gratitude for her role in achieving this notable legislative  
5 victory; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Natasha Helmick for her dedication to the  
8 passage of House Bill 2038 and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
9 continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

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