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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jasper and Newton Independent School Districts are
2 joining together on March 23, 2013, to host their first Special
3 Olympics event at Newton High School; and

4 WHEREAS, The two districts are part of Area 5 of Special
5 Olympics Texas, which provides year-round training and competition
6 in a variety of sports for children and adults with intellectual
7 disabilities; with the help of 32 coaches, Area 5 offers
8 participants across Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton,
9 Orange, and Tyler Counties the chance to practice and compete in
10 such diverse sports as aquatics, basketball, bocce, bowling, flag
11 football, golf, tennis, and track and field; and

12 WHEREAS, The meet at Newton High School will give athletes
13 the chance to participate in track and field, basketball, and bocce
14 in a local setting; this collaboration between the Jasper and
15 Newton School Districts allows more families to engage in and
16 support Special Olympics activities, which can be difficult for
17 area residents to attend when hosted in Beaumont; organizers hope
18 the event will become an annual tradition that moves among host
19 cities, enabling even more communities to embrace the program; and

20 WHEREAS, Special Olympics provides ongoing opportunities for
21 participants to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage,
22 experience joy, and make new friends, and by so doing, it is
23 transforming lives and creating a better, more inclusive world for
24 all; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Newton and Jasper Independent
3 School Districts on the occasion of their first Special Olympics
4 meet and extend to the athletes, volunteers, and sponsors sincere
5 best wishes for a successful and memorable event.