

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past four years, Richard and Amie James have
2 directed the Gusher Marathon, Half-Marathon, and 5K race in
3 Beaumont, and their work is helping to promote physical fitness and
4 wellness across Southeast Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by Exygon, Baptist Hospitals, and Kinsel
6 Ford, the Gusher draws thousands of participants each year,
7 including individuals of all ages and abilities; the race serves as
8 a benefit for the Sports Society for American Health, a nonprofit
9 organization cofounded by Mr. James, that works to combat childhood
10 obesity through education and exercise; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. and Ms. James were motivated to organize the
12 marathon as a means of helping area residents to make fitness an
13 important part of their lives; they have furthered that worthy goal
14 by also coordinating the annual Pleasure Island Bridge
15 half-marathon event, and they are renowned for providing positive
16 reinforcement and encouragement throughout the year to assist
17 individuals in maintaining their wellness activities; and

18 WHEREAS, The couple's efforts have shown positive results;
19 since the Gusher Marathon was first held in 2010, participation in
20 exercise events and membership in the local running club have
21 markedly increased, and joggers and walkers have become a more
22 common sight in Beaumont neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their enthusiasm for physical fitness,
24 Richard and Amie James have created a signature event for Beaumont

1 and in so doing, they have helped to inspire numerous people to
2 realize a happier and healthier way of life; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Richard and Amie James for their dedicated
5 work in organizing the Gusher Marathon, Half-Marathon, and 5K race
6 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
7 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1387

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1387 was adopted by the House on April 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House