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H.R. No. 1387

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.