

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The foremost long-distance relay in the United  
2 States is taking place in Corpus Christi on May 18, 2013, with the  
3 staging of the 38th annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon; and

4           WHEREAS, The marathon was founded by Commander John  
5 Butterfield, who envisioned the race as a way for runners to honor  
6 our nation's military personnel; the very first event was held on  
7 Armed Forces Day in 1975, and it has continued to take place on that  
8 holiday ever since; and

9           WHEREAS, More than 16,000 contestants from the United States  
10 and from countries as far away as Kenya make the Beach to Bay Relay  
11 Marathon the largest competition of its kind in this country; when  
12 the starting gun fires, as many as 2,600 teams send their first  
13 runner down the 26.2-mile course, with five additional teammates  
14 being stationed every 4.4 miles along the route; the race stretches  
15 from the sands of North Padre Island past the Naval Air Station to  
16 the finish line at McCaughan Park; and

17           WHEREAS, The event also includes a lively postrace  
18 celebration that features live music, food, and refreshments as  
19 well as the presentation of awards to the top finishers; and

20           WHEREAS, This popular competition is sanctioned by the Corpus  
21 Christi Roadrunners club, which donates all race proceeds to more  
22 than 45 Coastal Bend charities, including Special Olympics, the  
23 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and numerous youth groups; and

24           WHEREAS, Through the years, the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon

1 has flourished thanks to the dedicated efforts of race organizers  
2 and generous volunteers, and their endeavors have created a fun and  
3 challenging contest that provides enormous benefits to the  
4 community and that is prized by runners in the Lone Star State and  
5 beyond; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 38th annual Beach to Bay Relay  
8 Marathon and extend sincere best wishes to all those associated  
9 with the race for a successful and enjoyable event; and, be it  
10 further

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

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H.R. No. 1424

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1424 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House