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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Live Oak is encouraging health and
2 fitness by promoting parkour, and this effort has resulted in a
3 range of other positive developments for area residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Commonly known as free running, parkour developed
5 out of military obstacle-course training as a method of traveling
6 from point to point with quick, efficient body movements;
7 participants surmount barriers by various methods, including
8 running, climbing, vaulting, jumping, and rolling; and

9 WHEREAS, Fulfilling Live Oak's motto of "Strength in
10 Community," a beneficial collaboration has taken place between
11 local government and the Live Oak Parkour, Skate, and Bike
12 Association to help further this endeavor; the PSBA is a youth group
13 with several hundred members that is devoted to promoting
14 recreation, and it helped develop a plan for a fitness park that
15 includes facilities for parkour as well as other outdoor
16 activities; the City of Live Oak Economic Development Corporation
17 unanimously approved funding for the design and construction of the
18 park, which will be an outstanding resource for people of all ages;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The project has also helped foster civic engagement
21 among Live Oak citizens, particularly its young people; the PSBA
22 has become actively involved in city council meetings and
23 elections, and the city solicits the group's input when setting the
24 parks and recreation agenda and assists its members by providing

1 leadership opportunities and mentoring; moreover, the PSBA has
2 launched a service project in which its members help refurbish the
3 homes of seniors and residents with disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Local businesses have embraced the health benefits
5 of parkour as well and have helped support the work of the city and
6 the PSBA; the widespread backing that parkour has received has
7 contributed to its popularity, and it has become a much-anticipated
8 event at fairs and summer camps held in the San Antonio area; and

9 WHEREAS, Through its endorsement of parkour, the City of Live
10 Oak is helping residents to adopt an active and healthy lifestyle
11 while also strengthening community cooperation and citizen
12 involvement, and this initiative is indeed deserving of
13 recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend the City of Live Oak for its efforts to
16 support parkour and extend to all those involved in this endeavor
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.