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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 in May 2014 with the
3 staging of the 39th 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 39th 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.