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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon is celebrating its
2 40th anniversary on May 16, 2015, with its annual South Texas
3 footrace; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1976 by Captain John Butterfield, Beach
5 to Bay has grown to be one of the largest relay marathons in the
6 country, drawing more than 16,000 participants as well as another
7 16,000 spectators; the event gives the local economy a significant
8 boost and raises around \$30,000 for a variety of worthwhile causes,
9 including the Texas Special Olympics and the Texas A&M
10 University-Corpus Christi cross-country team; and

11 WHEREAS, The 26.2-mile course is divided into six legs of
12 about 4.4 miles each; the race starts on North Padre Island, passes
13 through the Naval Air Station, and ends at McCaughan Park in Corpus
14 Christi, where a postrace celebration ensues; and

15 WHEREAS, The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon is always held on
16 Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May, to pay tribute to the
17 men and women serving in the U.S. military; moreover, the marathon
18 now offers the Run for a Hero program, which allows teams to race in
19 honor of a past or present member of the armed forces; and

20 WHEREAS, For four decades, the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon
21 has remained an important South Texas tradition, providing local
22 and visiting runners with healthy athletic competition and an
23 opportunity to give back to the community; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th annual Beach to Bay Relay
2 Marathon and extend to all those associated with the race sincere
3 best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it further
4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the race organizers as an expression of high regard by
6 the Texas House of Representatives.