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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carol Lewis is being inducted into the Southwest
2 Conference Hall of Fame on March 30, 2015, in recognition of her
3 many achievements as a track and field athlete; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Ms. Lewis first
5 displayed her skills as a track star at Willingboro High School in
6 New Jersey, where she set the high school indoor long jump record in
7 1981; she then followed in the footsteps of her brother, Olympic
8 legend Carl Lewis, by enrolling at the University of Houston; a
9 standout member of the Cougars' track and field program, she earned
10 All-American honors on 12 occasions and captured 10 individual SWC
11 championships and three team conference titles during her
12 collegiate career; in addition, she won NCAA Indoor and Outdoor
13 National Championships in the long jump in 1983 and 1985, and she
14 remains the school's record holder for the event; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis also proved herself in international
16 competition, qualifying for the 1980 Summer Olympics and later
17 representing Team USA at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles and
18 the 1988 Olympics in Seoul; she won a silver medal in the long jump
19 at the 1980 Pan American Junior Athletics Championships as well as
20 bronze medals at the 1983 World Championships and the 1985
21 International Association of Athletics Federations World Cup; and

22 WHEREAS, Following her retirement from competition, this
23 esteemed athlete worked as a track and field commentator for NBC
24 Sports, covering the 1996, 2000, and 2008 Summer Games; and

1 WHEREAS, A multitalented Olympian and collegiate champion
2 who demonstrated outstanding skill and determination, Carol Lewis
3 may take justifiable pride in her remarkable accomplishments, and
4 she is indeed deserving of this prestigious hall of fame honor; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Carol Lewis on her induction into
8 the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame and extend to her sincere best
9 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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