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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shawn Flanagan has built an exceptional record of
2 success as head coach and director of the Texas A&M
3 University--Corpus Christi track and field program over the course
4 of his outstanding 15-year tenure; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Flanagan graduated with a bachelor's degree
6 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a master's degree
7 from The University of Texas at San Antonio, and he has earned Level
8 2 certification in distances from USA Track & Field; while a
9 student, he qualified for the NCAA national championship four times
10 in cross-country and twice in track, and he ran in the U.S. Olympic
11 Trials in 1980; and

12 WHEREAS, Beginning his career in coaching at UTSA,
13 Mr. Flanagan helped establish the university's track and field
14 program in 1981 and took the reins as head coach three years later;
15 under his guidance, the Roadrunners garnered 18 titles in
16 cross-country and track, in addition to becoming the first squad
17 from the Southland Conference to win an NCAA regional title in
18 cross-country; the team also set a conference record by placing
19 19th at an NCAA national championship; in 1997, Coach Flanagan
20 became head coach of the men's cross-country team at The University
21 of Texas at Austin, where he led the Longhorns to three Big 12
22 titles; and

23 WHEREAS, Shawn Flanagan launched the track and field program
24 at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi in 2000, and since that

1 time, the Islanders have captured 11 conference team championships,
2 while individual members have earned numerous conference titles as
3 well as three NCAA national championships, seven NCAA All-American
4 Awards, and four NCAA Academic All-American Team honors; Coach
5 Flanagan has further distinguished himself by directing the
6 Islanders Splash, an annual cross-country meet attended by
7 thousands of collegiate, high school, and middle school runners;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Repeatedly honored for his ability to inspire his
10 student-athletes, this esteemed Texan has been recognized as either
11 an NCAA Regional or Conference Coach of the Year more than 30 times,
12 and he was inducted into the UW-Platteville Athletic Hall of Fame in
13 1999; and

14 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Shawn Flanagan is blessed with
15 the love and support of his wife, Beverly Johnson, and their son,
16 Solomon; and

17 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Texas A&M
18 University--Corpus Christi track and field program has greatly
19 benefited from Shawn Flanagan's dedication, professionalism, and
20 commitment to excellence, and his teams are sure to be a further
21 source of pride and excitement for Islanders fans in the years to
22 come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Shawn Flanagan for his exceptional
25 contributions to the track and field program at Texas A&M
26 University--Corpus Christi and extend to him sincere best wishes
27 for continued success; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Coach Flanagan as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.