

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 445

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

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

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

WHEREAS, After retiring from competition, this esteemed athlete worked as a track and field commentator for NBC Sports, and she covered the 1996, 2000, and 2008 Summer Games; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Ellis, Bettencourt

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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