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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bellaire High School sophomore Jared Clark has
2 qualified for a spot on Team USA in the draft-legal duathlon event
3 at the ITU Multisport World Championships Festival, which is being
4 held in Penticton, Canada, in August 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark earned his chance to compete with Team USA
6 for a world title after placing third in his age division at the
7 Draft-Legal Sprint World Championship Qualifier that took place in
8 New Orleans on November 6, 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, The son of David and Lagenia Clark, Mr. Clark has
10 distinguished himself as a rising star in the field of multisport
11 racing, which includes running and biking; he has competed in more
12 than 80 multisport contests, and he became one of the youngest
13 people to ever complete a 70.3-mile half ironman-distance race in
14 2013, when he finished the Oil Man Texas Triathlon at age 12; and

15 WHEREAS, Adding extra motivation to his racing endeavors, the
16 Clark family founded Justin's TRIumph, a group that raises
17 awareness of a rare genetic disorder called Giant Axonal
18 Neuropathy, with which both Mr. Clark's twin brother, Justin, as
19 well as his younger sister, Lexi, have been diagnosed; together
20 with over 90 other athletes, Mr. Clark has helped garner more than
21 \$337,000 for GAN research by participating in multisport events as
22 members of Justin's TRIumph Reason2Race teams; and

23 WHEREAS, This talented athlete has demonstrated tireless
24 dedication and remarkable skill, and he may take justifiable pride

1 in his achievements; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Jared Clark on qualifying for Team
4 USA in the draft-legal duathlon event at the 2017 ITU Multisport
5 World Championships Festival and extend to him sincere best wishes
6 for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Clark as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.