

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In a feat of remarkable athleticism, determination,  
2 and heart, BethAnn Telford completed the World Marathon Challenge,  
3 a weeklong event held January 23 through 29, 2017, that required her  
4 to run seven marathons on seven continents; and

5           WHEREAS, The only American woman participating in the  
6 challenge, Ms. Telford also had the unique distinction among the  
7 competitors of being a brain cancer survivor; diagnosed in early  
8 2005, she has since undergone several surgeries and a long process  
9 of rehabilitation, which included learning to stand and walk again;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Just six weeks after her first brain surgery,  
12 Ms. Telford ran a 5K race, and even while still in treatment, she  
13 has continued to take part in numerous races to promote awareness of  
14 the desperate need for brain cancer research funding; in addition  
15 to completing the World Marathon Challenge, since her diagnosis she  
16 has finished the Boston Marathon four times, the Marine Corps  
17 Marathon annually, the Lake Placid Ironman twice, and the Kona  
18 Ironman World Championships in 2012; to date, her efforts have  
19 raised more than \$900,000 for the cause of brain cancer research;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, This inspiring woman spent more than a year training  
22 for the World Marathon Challenge, which took her on a grueling trip  
23 from the Union Glacier in Antarctica to marathons in Chile,  
24 Morocco, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, and Florida;

1 she partnered with Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure for the endeavor  
2 and wore hand-designed running shoes honoring 14 brain cancer  
3 survivors from all over the world; and

4 WHEREAS, In achieving this momentous goal and facing her own  
5 life challenges with grace and courage, BethAnn Telford has  
6 demonstrated the incredible tenacity of the human spirit, and her  
7 many accomplishments have brought hope to countless people fighting  
8 battles of their own; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate BethAnn Telford on finishing the  
11 2017 World Marathon Challenge and extend to her sincere  
12 appreciation for her outstanding fund-raising work in behalf of  
13 brain cancer research; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Ms. Telford as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 777

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 777 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House