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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.