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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Terri Whipple of Corpus Christi has distinguished herself as a highly respected table soccer champion and advocate, and she is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, "Cissi" Whipple has been playing table soccer, or foosball, since the age of 14, and she has been a professional competitor for over two decades; an accomplished performer, she is a former Tornado World Champion, and she holds various state and regional titles; from 2010 to 2012, she served as a player, captain, and coach for the USA World Cup foosball team and was instrumental in its championship-winning efforts, and she was inducted into the Texas Foosball Hall of Fame in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the growth of table soccer, Ms. Whipple has been working tirelessly to get the International Olympic Committee to formally recognize the competition as an Olympic sport; moreover, she has served on the board of directors of the United States Table Soccer Federation and as a goodwill ambassador for the City of Corpus Christi, and she has helped develop competitive foosball programs in Australia and Costa Rica; and

WHEREAS, Through her success as a player and her dedicated efforts as an advocate, Cissi Whipple is furthering the international prominence of table soccer, and her achievements are greatly appreciated by foosball enthusiasts in Texas and around the globe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commend Terri Whipple for her contributions to the sport of table soccer and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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