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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Nicole Mericle has become a premier performer in the  
2 sport of obstacle course racing, earning numerous podium finishes  
3 and multiple North American and world titles over the past three  
4 years; and

5           WHEREAS, After competing as a cross-country and track runner  
6 at Rice University and honing her skills in rock climbing,  
7 Ms. Mericle opted to take part in obstacle course racing, which  
8 combines distance running with a variety of extreme physical  
9 challenges; her first OCR was the Fort Carson Spartan Super in May  
10 2016, where she took the bronze medal; the following year, she won  
11 the OCR 3K World Championship, the Tougher Mudder World  
12 Championship, and the OCR 3K and 15K North American Championships;  
13 she closed out 2017 with podium appearances in the Spartan World  
14 Championship Series and a gold medal in the women's team division in  
15 the OCR World Championship, and she more recently took home the  
16 silver with her team in the Spartan World Championships; and

17           WHEREAS, In the fall and winter of 2018, Ms. Mericle focused  
18 on international events, tallying first-place finishes in the 3K  
19 and women's team events at the OCR World Championship in England and  
20 claiming second place at the Trifecta World Championships in  
21 Greece; she has continued to add to her impressive total of  
22 first-place finishes in 2019, turning in winning performances in  
23 competitions around the country; in recognition of her elite status  
24 in the sport, she has garnered sponsorships with such brands as

1 Spartan, AltRed, Darn Tough, and Honey Stinger; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Mericle's intensive training regimen includes  
3 running, weight lifting, rock climbing, and other activities to  
4 build strength and endurance; an EMT, she is studying to become a  
5 physician assistant in Boulder, Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, Through her exceptional ability, hard work, and  
7 commitment to excellence, Nicole Mericle is building an exemplary  
8 record in an extremely demanding sport, and she is indeed deserving  
9 of recognition for her outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Nicole Mericle on her success in  
13 obstacle course racing and extend to her sincere best wishes for the  
14 future; and, be it further

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