

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Adriann Oommen and her fellow members of The  
2 University of Texas at Austin Concrete Canoe Team prevailed as the  
3 winners of the ASCE Texas-Mexico Student Conference regional  
4 competition, which took place April 10-13, 2019; and

5           WHEREAS, The UT Concrete Canoe Team is housed within UT's  
6 Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering Department as  
7 part of the American Society Of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student  
8 chapter; the program provides engineering students with the  
9 opportunity to apply the skills they learn in class to the exciting  
10 challenge of designing and constructing a canoe out of concrete;  
11 the team is responsible for every aspect of the design and  
12 construction, including developing and mixing concrete, and a  
13 paddling crew is then tasked with demonstrating the merits of the  
14 vessel by racing it on the open water; the canoe, which the team  
15 named Dreki, is 18 feet long and weighs 251 pounds; and

16           WHEREAS, For the fourth year in a row, the UT group won first  
17 at regionals and advanced to the national competition, which is  
18 scheduled to be held June 6-8, 2019, at the Florida Institute of  
19 Technology; along the way, Adriann Oommen earned individual  
20 distinction for herself by placing first in the women's endurance  
21 and second in the coed category; and

22           WHEREAS, Ms. Oommen was joined by a group of fellow students  
23 who each brought their own talents and expertise to this  
24 challenging endeavor; they include Hope Newton, James Mangles,

1 Austin Cooper, Isabel Vargas, Ayah Alomari, Devon Slack, Eduardo  
2 Hernandez, Garrett Lindsey, Javier Holguin, Joseph Banda,  
3 Zachariah Smith, Olivia Toth, Lorenzo Somohano, Marco Castro, and  
4 Nathan Zhang; and

5 WHEREAS, These outstanding young men and women have  
6 demonstrated impressive skill and ingenuity, and it is truly a  
7 pleasure to recognize them for their exceptional achievement; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the UT Austin Concrete Canoe Team  
11 on winning the ASCE Texas-Mexico Student Conference regional  
12 competition and extend to Adriann Oommen and her teammates sincere  
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2050

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2050 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House