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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Matthew Wright of Austin won the unified division  
2 title at the Special Olympics North America Golf Championship, held  
3 in Seaview, New Jersey, from October 2 through 5, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Joining some 200 other players from across the  
5 United States and Canada at the tournament, Mr. Wright teamed with  
6 his longtime partner/coach, Drew Widney, in the unified  
7 competition; the pair edged an Arizona team by three strokes in the  
8 final game of the three-day, 54-hole event to claim the title; and

9 WHEREAS, A versatile athlete, Mr. Wright has participated in  
10 a wide range of Special Olympics events over the years, earning  
11 numerous medals; his achievements in golf have included winning a  
12 gold medal at the 2016 Fall Classic, held at the Briarcrest Country  
13 Club in Bryan, and he has spent countless hours practicing at Lions  
14 Municipal Golf Course in Austin; his success in the sport has  
15 enabled him to follow in the footsteps of his grandmother, who was a  
16 21-time champion at El Paso Country Club; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright graduated from Stephen F. Austin High  
18 School in 2008 and became one of 10 students to participate in the  
19 Austin Independent School District Greater Opportunities Project  
20 at St. Edward's University; he has been employed as an assistant  
21 sergeant-at-arms and messenger with the Texas House of  
22 Representatives for more than 15 years, carrying out numerous  
23 responsibilities for the members of the legislature; he has also  
24 served his fellow citizens as a member of the Texas State Guard; and

1           WHEREAS, Through determination, hard work, and an unwavering  
2 commitment to play at the top of his game, Matthew Wright has  
3 excelled in a prestigious national golf competition, and he may  
4 indeed take pride in this splendid accomplishment; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Matthew  
8 Wright on winning the unified division title at the 2023 Special  
9 Olympics North America Golf Championship and extend to him sincere  
10 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Wright as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.