

By Senator Garcia

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1 Senate Resolution No. _____

2 A resolution recognizing Jennifer Rodriguez,
3 winner of the Bronze Medal in the Women's
4 1000-meter Speedskating event at the 19th
5 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

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7 WHEREAS, Jennifer Rodriguez was born in Miami in 1976,
8 the daughter of a Cuban-American father, Emilio Rodriguez, who
9 immigrated to the United States from Cuba in the 1960s and, as
10 a commercial artist, designed the logo for Miami's Joe Robbie
11 Stadium, and

12 WHEREAS, Jennifer began roller skating at the age of 4
13 when she attended a birthday party at a roller rink and her
14 parents, Emilio and Barbara, recognizing her talent, took her
15 for lessons, and

16 WHEREAS, Jennifer Rodriguez was competing in artistic
17 and speed roller skating by the time she was 5, won a total of
18 12 World Championship medals in artistic roller skating and
19 speed roller skating, and was named the 1991-1992 United
20 States Roller Skating Athlete of the Year, and

21 WHEREAS, following her transition from roller skating
22 to ice skating, Jennifer Rodriguez placed fourth in the
23 3,000-meter event at the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano,
24 Japan, and set United States records in the 1,500-meter event
25 and 3,000-meter event at the World Cup in Calgary in March of
26 2001, and

27 WHEREAS, Jennifer Rodriguez is the first athlete of
28 Hispanic descent to compete in the Olympic Winter Games,
29 adding to the diversity that contributes to the success of
30 Olympic teams from the United States, and is also the first
31 athlete from Miami to compete at an Olympic Winter Games, and

1 WHEREAS, by her accomplishments, Jennifer Rodriguez has
2 brought honor to this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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6 That the Florida Senate commends Jennifer Rodriguez for
7 her outstanding dedication to her sport and to the Olympic
8 dream and for the honor that she has brought to this state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
10 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jennifer
11 Rodriguez as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
12 Senate.

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