

By Senator Constantine

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

2 A resolution recognizing Derek Parra, winner of  
3 a Gold Medal in the Men's 1500 meter and a  
4 Silver Medal in the 5000 meter Speed Skating  
5 events at the 19th Olympic Winter Games in Salt  
6 Lake City.

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8 WHEREAS, Derek Parra, a resident of Central Florida and  
9 a 2002 Winter Olympic Speed Skating 1500 meter Gold Medalist  
10 and a 5000 meter Silver Medalist, has achieved national  
11 recognition as an Olympian and a two-time world-record holder  
12 in his sport, and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Parra continues to serve his nation by  
14 representing the United States on the ice and exemplifies  
15 dedication by working at Home Depot in its Winter Athlete  
16 Associate Program, and

17 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Florida, the  
18 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of  
19 American society is dependent, in great measure, upon the  
20 dedication of people like Mr. Parra who use their considerable  
21 talents to serve our nation and represent our state, NOW,  
22 THEREFORE,

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

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26 That the Florida Senate congratulates and honors Mr.  
27 Parra as a winner of a Gold and a Silver medal in the 2002  
28 Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and extends its  
29 best wishes for his continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
31 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Derek

1 Parra as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
2 Senate.  
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