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House Resolution

A resolution commending Olympic Gold Medalist Ryan Lochte.

WHEREAS, American swimmer Ryan Lochte from Daytona Beach is a multiple world record holder and an Olympic Gold Medalist, and

WHEREAS, Ryan Lochte, who currently trains in Gainesville, swam for Daytona Beach Swimming as an age-group swimmer where he was first coached by his father, Steve Lochte, and

WHEREAS, Ryan Lochte, who graduated from the University of Florida, was a member of the university's nationally recognized men's swim team under Head Coach Gregg Troy, and

WHEREAS, named NCAA swimmer of the year in 2005 and 2006, Ryan Lochte set U.S. Open and American records at the 2006 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, and

WHEREAS, Ryan Lochte made his Olympic debut in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, winning the silver medal in the 200 meter individual medley and helping his teammates capture the gold medal in the 4 x 200 meter freestyle relay, and

WHEREAS, having set world records at the 2006 FINA Short Course World Championships, Ryan Lochte set one long course world record in the 200 meter backstroke at the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne, Australia, and

WHEREAS, continuing his dominance in the pool, Ryan Lochte set three short course world records at the 2008 FINA Short Course World Championships in Manchester, England, winning four gold and two silver medals at the meet, and

WHEREAS, having qualified for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team in three individual events, finishing second in all three at the

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29 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, Ryan set his sights on the Olympic
30 Games and decided he wouldn't settle for second place, and

31 WHEREAS, at the 2008 Summer Olympics held in Beijing,
32 China, Ryan Lochte won the 200 meter backstroke in world record
33 time, earning his first individual Olympic Gold Medal, and

34 WHEREAS, Ryan Lochte finished the Olympic Games with bronze
35 medals in the 200 meter individual medley and the 400 meter
36 individual medley and another gold medal in the 4 x 200 meter
37 freestyle relay in which he and his teammates shattered the
38 world record, and

39 WHEREAS, Ryan Lochte's laid-back demeanor out of the pool,
40 combined with his confidence that he can win when he gets behind
41 the blocks, have made him one of the world's best swimmers, NOW,
42 THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 Florida:

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47 That the members of the House of Representatives commend
48 Ryan Lochte for his dedication and athletic excellence and
49 congratulate him for winning an Olympic Gold Medal.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
51 presented to Ryan Lochte as a tangible token of the sentiments
52 expressed herein.