

By Senator Bennett

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Senate Resolution

A Resolution honoring Florida's 2008 Summer and 2010 Winter Olympians, 2008 Summer and 2010 Winter Paralympians, and 2007 Summer and 2009 Winter Special Olympians and recognizing their outstanding achievement in their respective sports.

WHEREAS, April 28, 2010, which is recognized as "Fitness Day at the Capitol," is an appropriate time for the Florida Senate to recognize and honor those athletes who represented this state in the Games of the Twenty-Ninth Summer and Twenty-First Winter Olympiads, the 2008 Summer Paralympics and 2010 Winter Paralympics, and the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games and 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, and

WHEREAS, Fitness Day at the Capitol is a product of the state plan of action created by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, which is composed of individuals from diverse and varied backgrounds, including physicians, educators, students, nutritionists, professional athletes, and former Olympians, and

WHEREAS, among those who serve on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness are former Olympians Jennifer Capriati, Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Shannon Miller, Dorothy "Dot" Richardson, and Dara Torres, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to promote health and wellness by encouraging regular exercise and sound nutritional practices for all Floridians, thereby reducing the rate of obesity and resulting chronic diseases, and

WHEREAS, Florida's Olympians, Paralympians, and Special

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30 Olympians are role models who demonstrate the virtues and
31 positive results of a healthful lifestyle that includes physical
32 fitness, such as tennis great Chris Evert, who also exemplifies
33 service to her community, and

34 WHEREAS, many outstanding athletes represented Florida and
35 the United States as team members in the 2008 United States
36 Summer Paralympics, the 2010 United States Winter Paralympics,
37 the 2007 United States Summer Special Olympics World Games, and
38 the 2009 Winter Special Olympics Summer World Games, and

39 WHEREAS, due to years of hard work and preparation of both
40 mind and body, these men and women persevered to reach the
41 highest level of achievement in their respective events,
42 representing their home state of Florida with honor and
43 personifying the Olympic motto, "Citius, Altius, Fortius,"
44 "Faster, Stronger, Higher," and

45 WHEREAS, the 26 Floridians who participated in the XXIX
46 Summer Olympic Games held in Beijing, China, in 2008 are: Laura
47 Bennett, North Palm Beach, triathlon; James Blake, Tampa,
48 tennis; Damu Cherry, Tampa, track and field; Christopher
49 Colwill, Brandon, diving; Rafeeq Curry, Miami, track and field;
50 Phil Dalhausser, Ormond Beach, volleyball; Walter Dix, Coral
51 Springs, track and field; Dwight Howard, Longwood, basketball;
52 Hunter Kemper, Longwood, triathlon; Kelly Kretschman, Indian
53 Harbour Beach, softball; Matt LaPorta, Port Charlotte, baseball;
54 Ryan Lochte, Daytona Beach, swimming; David Oliver, Orlando,
55 track and field; Brian Olson, Tallahassee, judo; Zach Railey,
56 Clearwater, sailing; Nancy Rios, Miami, sailing; Tiffany Ross-
57 Williams, Miami, track and field; Calvin Smith, Gainesville,
58 track and field; Nathan Sturgis, St. Augustine, soccer; Jevon

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59 Tarantino, Boca Raton, diving; Dara Torres, Jupiter, swimming;
60 Anna Tunnicliffe, Fort Lauderdale, sailing; Lauryn Williams,
61 Miami, track and field; Serena Williams, Palm Beach Gardens,
62 tennis; Tiffany Ross-Williams, Miami, track and field; and Venus
63 Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, tennis, and

64 WHEREAS, the five Floridians who participated in the XXI
65 Winter Olympic Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia,
66 Canada, in 2010 are: Jeremy Barrett, Venice, figure skating;
67 Caydee Denney, Wesley Chapel, figure skating; Mark Ladwig,
68 Bradenton, figure skating; Jennifer Rodriguez, Miami, speed
69 skating; and Jason Smith, Cape Coral, curling, and

70 WHEREAS, all Florida Olympians, Paralympians, and Special
71 Olympians, along with Florida's youth, collegiate, and
72 professional athletes, deserve recognition for the example they
73 display in demonstrating the importance of physical fitness as
74 part of a healthful lifestyle, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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78 That Florida's Olympians, Paralympians, and Special
79 Olympians are congratulated on their outstanding achievements,
80 Florida native Chris Evert is recognized as Florida's physical
81 fitness ambassador, and all members of the Governor's Council on
82 Physical Fitness are commended for their leadership in promoting
83 physical fitness for all Floridians.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
85 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Governor's
86 Council on Physical Fitness as a tangible token of the
87 sentiments of the Florida Senate.