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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Florida's athletes for their  
3 athletic endeavors, commending the Governor's Council on  
4 Physical Fitness for its leadership, and recognizing Chris  
5 Evert for her contributions in promoting physical fitness.  
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7 WHEREAS, April 28, 2010, Fitness Day at the Capitol, is an  
8 appropriate time for the House of Representatives to recognize  
9 and honor those athletes who represented the State of Florida in  
10 the Games of the XXIX Summer Olympiad and XXI Winter Olympiad,  
11 the 2008 Summer Paralympics and 2010 Winter Paralympics, and the  
12 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games and 2009 Special  
13 Olympics World Winter Games, and

14 WHEREAS, Fitness Day at the Capitol is a product of the  
15 state plan of action created by the Governor's Council on  
16 Physical Fitness, which is comprised of individuals with diverse  
17 and varied backgrounds, including physicians, educators,  
18 students, nutritionists, professional athletes, and former  
19 Olympians, and

20 WHEREAS, we recognize the former Olympians serving on the  
21 Council, Jennifer Capriati, Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Shannon  
22 Miller, Dorothy "Dot" Richardson, and Dara Torres, who give of  
23 their time and effort to promote a healthy Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, it is essential to promote health and wellness, to  
25 increase physical fitness through regular exercise and sound  
26 nutrition practices, and to reduce the rate of obesity and  
27 resulting chronic diseases for Floridians of all ages, and

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28 WHEREAS, Florida's Olympians, Paralympians, and Special  
29 Olympians are role models who demonstrate the virtues and  
30 positive results of a healthy lifestyle that includes physical  
31 fitness, and

32 WHEREAS, due to years of hard work and preparation in both  
33 mind and body, these men and women persevered to reach the  
34 highest level of their respective athletic disciplines,  
35 representing their home state with honor, and

36 WHEREAS, espousing the Olympic motto of "Citius, Altius,  
37 Fortius," all of Florida's Olympians endeavor to achieve this  
38 higher standard of "Faster, Higher, Stronger," and

39 WHEREAS, twenty-five Floridians participated in the XXIX  
40 Summer Olympic Games held in Beijing, China, in 2008: Laura  
41 Bennett, North Palm Beach, Triathlon; James Blake, Tampa,  
42 Tennis; Damu Cherry, Tampa, Track and Field; Chris Colwill,  
43 Brandon, Diving; Rafeeq Curry, Miami, Track and Field; Phil  
44 Dalhausseer, Ormond Beach, Volleyball; Walter Dix, Coral  
45 Springs, Track and Field; Dwight Howard, Longwood, Basketball;  
46 Hunter Kemper, Longwood, Triathlon; Kelly Kretschman, Indian  
47 Harbour Beach, Softball; Matthew LaPorta, Port Charlotte,  
48 Baseball; Ryan Lochte, Daytona Beach, Swimming; David Oliver,  
49 Orlando, Track and Field; Brian Olson, Tallahassee, Judo; Zach  
50 Railey, Clearwater, Sailing; Nancy Rios, Miami, Sailing; Tiffany  
51 Ross-Williams, Miami, Track and Field; Calvin Smith,  
52 Gainesville, Track and Field; Nathan Sturgis, St. Augustine,  
53 Soccer; Jevon Tarantino, Boca Raton, Diving; Dara Torres,  
54 Jupiter, Swimming; Anna Tunnicliffe, Fort Lauderdale, Sailing;  
55 Lauryn Williams, Miami, Track and Field; Serena Williams, Palm

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56 Beach Gardens, Tennis; and Venus Williams, Palm Beach Gardens,  
57 Tennis, and

58 WHEREAS, five Floridians participated in the XXI Winter  
59 Olympic Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in  
60 2010: Jeremy Barrett, Venice, Figure Skating; Caydee Denney,  
61 Wesley Chapel, Figure Skating; Mark Ladwig, Bradenton, Figure  
62 Skating; Jennifer Rodriguez, Miami, Speed Skating; and Jason  
63 Smith, Cape Coral, Curling, and

64 WHEREAS, many outstanding athletes represented Florida as  
65 United States team members competing in the 2008 Summer  
66 Paralympics, the 2010 Winter Paralympics, the 2007 Special  
67 Olympics World Summer Games, and the 2009 Special Olympics World  
68 Winter Games, and

69 WHEREAS, all Florida's Olympians, Paralympians, and Special  
70 Olympians, along with Florida's youth, collegiate, and  
71 professional athletes, deserve acclamation for demonstrating the  
72 importance of physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle,  
73 and

74 WHEREAS, Fitness Day at the Capitol is also an appropriate  
75 time to recognize Floridian Chris Evert, tennis great and  
76 founder of the Evert Tennis Academy, for her contributions in  
77 promoting the physical fitness of Florida's youth, and

78 WHEREAS, Chris Evert serves as an example to Florida's  
79 children of how to become physically fit, incorporate fitness  
80 into everyday life, and maintain a healthy lifestyle that leads  
81 to a better future, and it is fitting that she be recognized as  
82 a spokesperson for physical fitness throughout the State of  
83 Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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85 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
86 Florida:

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88 That the Florida House of Representatives commends the  
89 effort and determination of Florida's Olympians, Paralympians,  
90 and Special Olympians, along with Florida's youth, collegiate,  
91 and professional athletes; commends the members of the  
92 Governor's Council on Physical Fitness for their leadership; and  
93 recognizes Chris Evert as Florida's spokesperson for physical  
94 fitness.

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
97 presented to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and to  
98 Chris Evert as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
herein.