A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SPORTS AND BUSINESS CAREER OF
FIVE-TIME OLYMPIAN WILLYE B. WHITE OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, THE
FIRST WOMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI TO COMPETE AND WIN A MEDAL IN THE
OLYMPIC GAMES.

WHEREAS, two-time silver medalist Willye White participated
on five United States Olympic teams at five Olympiads; in 1956,
Melbourn, Australia; 1960, Rome, Italy; 1964, Tokyo, Japan; 1968,
Mexico City, Mexico; and 1972, Munich, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Willye White is the first woman from Mississippi to
compete in the Olympic Games and win a medal; and

WHEREAS, Willye won her first Olympic silver medal in the
long jump at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia. At
the 1964 Games in Tokyo, she won a second silver medal in the
4x100 relay. Willye was also a member of, and medalist on, four
Pan American teams. In 1959, she set an American record in the
long jump that stood for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, as a member of 39 international sports teams over
the course of her career, Willye has competed in more than 150
nations. She represented her sport on the U.S. Olympic Committee,
was a coach for the National Sports Festival in 1979 and 1981, was
coach and manager for the 1981 World Cup Track and Field
Championship in Brussels and Rome, and was Head Coach for the 1994
Olympic Sports Festival; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greenwood, Mississippi, a 1959 graduate
of Broad Street High School, and a graduate of Chicago State
University, Willye is a member of the National Association of
Sports and Physical Education Hall of Fame, the Black Sports Hall
of Fame, the Women Sports Foundation Hall of Fame, the National
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