

By: Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 652

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TRACI
2 STOCKDALE NULL OF CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HER FIRST
3 PARTICIPATION IN THE 104TH RUNNING OF THE BOSTON MARATHON.

4 WHEREAS, the 104th running of the Boston Marathon will have a
5 Mississippi flavor as Mrs. Traci Stockdale Null of Corinth,
6 Mississippi, will join 17,998 other runners in her inaugural trip
7 through the 26-mile course; and

8 WHEREAS, this year's Boston Marathon will host the largest
9 field since the 100th running in 1996, and those watching the
10 race, which begins at 11:00 a.m. CST on Monday, April 24, 2000,
11 should look for Mrs. Null wearing runner number 13,027; and

12 WHEREAS, running enthusiasts can't just call up Boston
13 Athletic Association officials and turn in entry forms; in order
14 to run the Boston race, a runner has to qualify in another
15 certified marathon to make it; Null qualified by pulling out a
16 3:41:30 finish time in the Rock and Roll Marathon, a fundraiser
17 for leukemia, in San Diego, California; and

18 WHEREAS, training for a 26-mile run is a lot different than
19 training for a 10K race and for Null, her training became a
20 continuation of what she had done to get ready to run in
21 California, running five out of seven days with Friday and Sunday
22 being rest days including a short run which is 12 to 14 miles, and
23 a long run which is 18 to 24 miles; and

24 WHEREAS, the biggest part of running a road race of this
25 caliber is the mental portion and according to Traci, the end of
26 the race is probably the hardest part of it; and

27 WHEREAS, Boston Marathon history records the first race in
28 1897 pitting 15 men who started from a line drawn in the dirt with
29 the heel of a shoe; today, runners' times are kept track of with
30 microchips attached to shoes and more than 6,000 volunteers are
31 needed to keep the race going; and

32 WHEREAS, running the Boston Marathon has not been a life-long
33 dream for Null, but qualifying to run was an opportunity she
34 couldn't pass up; and

35 WHEREAS, traveling to Boston with Null will be her daughter,
36 Sadie, and her parents, Truman and Elaine Stockdale, and her
37 sister, Tina, while her husband, Ray, and other daughter,
38 Samantha, will watch the race on television; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
40 athletic ability and determination of this citizen who brings
41 honor to her family, her community and to the State of
42 Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate Traci Stockdale Null of
46 Corinth, Mississippi, for her first participation in the 104th
47 running of the Boston Marathon, and wish her success in this most
48 prestigious race and in all her future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to Traci and her family, and be made available to the
51 Capitol Press Corps.