

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 577

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A RESOLUTION to honor Francesca Muccini on winning the 2020 Last Annual Vol State Road Race and being named "King of the Road."

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize those individuals whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment in the pursuit of their goals make them exemplars of the qualities treasured by the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, Francesca Muccini of Nashville is one such individual, whose singular ability to run exceptionally long distances has garnered her recognition as "King of the Road"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muccini earned the coveted title by winning the 2020 Last Annual Vol State Road Race, a grueling race of 314 miles (500 kilometers) originating in Dorena Landing, Missouri, covering 291 miles of Tennessee's scenic highways and byways, and culminating in Castle Rock, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Francesca Muccini, after tenaciously pounding through the grueling miles, crossed the finish line 3 days, 10 hours, 49 minutes, and 40 seconds later, the third fastest time in race history, eclipsing the efforts of the other sixty-five entrants; and

WHEREAS, battling hallucinations and dehydration, Francesca Muccini crossed the pink lawn chair to set a new female course record while capturing the overall victory; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 winner of this epic event, Ms. Muccini joins a select group of running legends who have captured the race crown twice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muccini's victory in the 2020 Last Annual Vol State Road Race is being called "one of the greatest multiday performances of all time" by experts, and qualifies her as the leading contender for best female performance of the year in ultrarunning; and

WHEREAS, Francesca Muccini is a leader in the elite group of ultra-marathoners, runners who compete in races longer than the 26.2 miles of a standard marathon, and her ability, dedication, rarefied talent, and perseverance in the face of overwhelming difficulties are worthy of the recognition of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Francesca Muccini on winning the 2020 Last Annual Vol State Road Race, celebrate her designation as "King of the Road," and offer our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.