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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 673

Offered January 20, 1997

*Commending Tom Dolan.*

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WHEREAS, on July 21, 1996, Tom Dolan, from Arlington County, became the first American to win a gold medal at the centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the current world-record-holder in the 400-meter individual medley swimming event, Tom Dolan defeated his greatest rival, Eric Namesnik, by the razor-thin margin of .35 second to capture the gold; and

WHEREAS, the final was a two-man race almost from the beginning, with Dolan and Namesnik swapping the lead at each turn, until Tom Dolan surged during the last 50 meters to win the race; and

WHEREAS, years of training, of determination, and of self-denial paid off for Tom Dolan, who overcame serious health problems to win that most precious of swimming rewards, an Olympic gold; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Tom Dolan for his outstanding performance at the Olympic Games in Atlanta; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Dolan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his accomplishments and appreciation for so brilliantly representing his country and the Commonwealth at the Olympic Games.

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