



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone celebrating the life of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of the Special Olympics movement.

Mrs. Shriver helped open minds to the talents of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and many years later, Special Olympics athletes continue to inspire us all through their display of true grit and unwavering enthusiasm.

The spirit of Special Olympics Texas incorporates universal values that transcend boundaries, and I commend all who have helped it earn the success it enjoys today. Armed with thousands of devoted volunteers, coaches and loving families, Special Olympics Texas has improved the quality of life of its athletes and created memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes as you remember and honor Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry
Governor