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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Oil Belt Little League Junior All-Stars achieved
2 great distinction by becoming the U.S. Junior League Baseball World
3 Series Champions and advancing to the world championship game at
4 the 2022 Junior League Baseball World Series, held in August in
5 Taylor, Michigan; and

6 WHEREAS, A group of talented 14-and-under ballplayers from
7 the Corpus Christi area, the Oil Belt Little League Junior
8 All-Stars embarked on their journey to the U.S. title with a
9 dominant performance at the Southwest Region Tournament in
10 Albuquerque, New Mexico; the Oil Belt players outscored their
11 opponents by a three-game total of 55-8 to win the tournament and
12 claim the ballclub's first appearance in the Junior League World
13 Series since 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, In their opening world series contest on August 15,
15 the Junior All-Stars hit two home runs and scored eight runs in the
16 first two innings before going on to a 13-1 victory over Hawaii;
17 taking the field in the next round against the East representatives
18 from Keystone Little League in Pennsylvania, Oil Belt collected
19 seven runs in the fifth inning for a 10-3 win and a berth in the U.S.
20 championship game; that contest turned out to be a rematch against
21 Keystone on August 20, and the Oil Belt squad held the lead from the
22 first inning on, triumphing 12-4 for the national crown; the team
23 then faced the Chinese Taipei squad on August 21 for the world
24 championship; the Junior All-Stars turned in a valiant effort in

1 the game but ultimately finished as runner-up; over the course of
2 their outstanding summer campaign, the Oil Belt players scored a
3 total of 216 runs while limiting their opponents to just 36; and

4 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Junior
5 All-Stars benefited from the valuable contributions made by each
6 member of the roster: Dallin DeBellas, Aiden Flores, Drayton
7 Mitchell, Danny Acuña, Jaden Martinez, Collier Carroll, Jace
8 Arriaga, Reese Rusher, Samuel Cecava, Jagger Batek, Lucas Saenz,
9 Zaccariah Morales, and Blake Quinn; these determined athletes were
10 ably guided by manager Daniel Saenz and coaches Nathan Mitchell and
11 Brendon Saenz; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of the Oil Belt Little League Junior
13 All-Stars proudly represented their city and state in one of the
14 premier showcases for youth athletics, and they will treasure their
15 memories of this achievement for many years to come; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Oil Belt Little League Junior
19 All-Stars on becoming the 2022 U.S. Junior League Baseball World
20 Series Champions and extend to the team's players and coaches
21 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.