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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Rice University Owls baseball team captured the
2 2003 College World Series title, earning the university its first
3 national team championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The Owls defeated perennial powerhouse Stanford
5 14-2 in the deciding game of the series, thanks in part to a clutch
6 performance by sophomore starting pitcher Philip Humber; the team
7 finished the season with a remarkable 58-12 record and has all the
8 makings of a college baseball dynasty; and

9 WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of head coach Wayne Graham,
10 the Owls demonstrated a commitment to excellence throughout the
11 season; recognition is also due to assistant coaches Mike Taylor,
12 David Pierce, and Zane Curry, as well as director of baseball
13 operations Kim McDougall, assistant director for strength and
14 conditioning Monte Curtis, and athletic trainer David Key; and

15 WHEREAS, Team members include Sean Hirsch, Matt Emerson, Matt
16 Cavanaugh, Jeff Jorgensen, Drew Skaggs, Chris Kolkhorst, Marcos
17 Ramos, Austin Davis, Lance Pendleton, Paul Janish, Jeff Blackinton,
18 Enrique Cruz, David Aardsma, Matt Moake, Dane Bubela, Justin
19 Farris, Justin Ruchti, Josh Baker, Philip Humber, Matt Ueckert,
20 Craig Stansberry, Colin Matheny, Vincent Sinisi, Jon Gillespie,
21 Wade Townsend, Jeff Niemann, Steven Herce, and Lyndon Duplessis;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, These exemplary student-athletes can take great
24 pride in their accomplishments during this exceptional season;

1 their dedication to teamwork and sportsmanship is truly
2 commendable, and the memory of winning a national championship will
3 undoubtedly remain with them always; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Coach Wayne
6 Graham and the Rice Owls baseball team on winning the 2003 College
7 World Series and extend best wishes to the many individuals who
8 contributed to this accomplishment; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.