

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Fort Worth's Westside All-Stars Little League  
2 baseball team won the 2002 Southwest Little League Championship  
3 and advanced to the semifinals of the 56th Little League World  
4 Series; and

5           WHEREAS, The Westside All-Stars defeated Texas East champion  
6 First Colony American of Sugar Land 2-0 to garner the 2002 Southwest  
7 Little League title and become the first Fort Worth team in 42 years  
8 to reach the Little League World Series; and

9           WHEREAS, The talented team from Texas advanced to the  
10 semifinals and lost 2-1 against the Louisville, Kentucky, team that  
11 went on to win the championship; proving themselves to be  
12 formidable competitors, these young men played 11 hard-fought  
13 innings, a Little League World Series record, which included both  
14 starting pitchers throwing a no-hit shut-out for the first six  
15 innings; the game also had a record 49 strikeouts, with 21 of them  
16 by Westside's Walker Kelly; and

17           WHEREAS, Led by team manager Jon Kelly, who was assisted by  
18 fellow coaches Mitch Belew and Joe VanderHamm, these outstanding  
19 Little Leaguers are Mitchell Belew, Patton Eagle, Mark Grace,  
20 Chester Hamilton, Jack Huckabay, Walker Kelly, Robby Lebus, Robert  
21 Ratliff, Rand Ravnaas, Chris Rivera, Mikey Valdez, and Jeffrey  
22 VanderHamm; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to showing the world that they are  
24 talented athletes, these ballplayers demonstrated admirable

1 character by dedicating their games to Bobby Ratliff, teammate  
2 Robert Ratliff's father, who is battling cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, The Westside All-Stars played with determination  
4 and outstanding sportsmanship, and the Lone Star State takes great  
5 pride in all they have accomplished; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby honor the Westside All-Stars for being 2002 Southwest Little  
8 League Champions and semifinalists in the 56th Little League World  
9 Series and commend the players and coaches on a sterling season;  
10 and, be it further

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

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Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor