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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 ball players 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.