

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Even within the wonderfully weird world of sports
2 mascots, Henry the Puffy Taco of the San Antonio Missions minor
3 league baseball team seems strangely silly, yet this muy caliente
4 mascot moved from savory snack to magnificent main course after
5 recently being named best minor league baseball mascot by *Newsweek*
6 magazine; and

7 WHEREAS, The unofficial mascot of the Missions, Henry the
8 Puffy Taco has been delighting children and provoking double-takes
9 and guffaws since 1988; the brainchild of Jaime Lopez, whose father
10 owns the San Antonio eatery Henry's Puffy Tacos, the two-legged
11 taco known as Henry has become something of an icon in the Alamo
12 City and can be seen not only at Wolff Stadium, but also at other
13 events throughout the city; and

14 WHEREAS, Brought to life by 22-year-old Wesley Ratliff, Henry
15 the Puffy Taco is perhaps most famous for challenging children to a
16 race from second base to home plate between the sixth and seventh
17 innings of Missions home games; victory, however, has proved
18 elusive for "the Puffy One," and the nightly scrambles inevitably
19 degenerate into what can best be described as a taco tackling
20 tournament; and

21 WHEREAS, Through it all, Henry the Puffy Taco manages to
22 maintain his dignity--and his spicy filling--and lead the cheering
23 for the hometown Missions as the team competes for the Texas League
24 title; whether doing his famous "Taco Dance" or rounding third hot

1 on the trail of a young Missions fan, Henry the Puffy Taco is truly
2 entertaining, hopelessly endearing, and curiously appetizing; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Henry the Puffy Taco on being
6 selected as the best minor league baseball mascot by *Newsweek*
7 magazine; and, be it further

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

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 490

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 490 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House