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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Baylor University baseball team completed a
2 sensational 2005 season, reaching the College World Series for the
3 first time since 1978; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bears punched their ticket to Omaha, Nebraska,
5 by defeating a talented Clemson team by a score of 6-1 in Super
6 Regional competition; seeded fourth nationally, Baylor came up
7 short in the tournament despite overcoming a 7-0 deficit to oust
8 top-seeded Tulane 8-7 in one of the most thrilling games in College
9 World Series history; and

10 WHEREAS, These dedicated student-athletes demonstrated a
11 never-say-die attitude throughout the long and difficult season;
12 the team finished the season with an impressive 46-24 record,
13 including a 19-8 mark in Big 12 conference play; notably, the Bears
14 dominated rival Texas during the regular season, sweeping four
15 games from the Longhorns and matching the record for the most
16 single-season wins against Texas in school history; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Steve Smith provided motivation and
18 encouragement for his young players on and off the diamond,
19 emphasizing the importance of teamwork, fundamentals, and
20 sportsmanship, and his skillful coaching and team management helped
21 propel the Bears to prominence among college baseball's elite
22 teams; he was ably supported by assistant coaches Steve Johnigan,
23 Mitch Thompson, and Chris Berry; and

24 WHEREAS, Members of the 2005 Baylor baseball team include Wes

1 Benefield, Drew Bias, Reid Brees, Tyler Bullock, Nick Cassavechia,
2 Zach Dillon, Brad Ferguson, Josh Ford, Seth Fortenberry, Kerr
3 Foster, Frank Fuda, Chase Gerdes, Michael Griffin, Cody Hall, Drew
4 Jeffcoat, Ryan LaMotta, Randall Linebaugh, Jeff Mandel, Gabe
5 Marchant, David Mark, Xerxes Martin, Mark McCormick, Paul Miles,
6 Mike Pankratz, Andy Pape, Kyle Reynolds, Jake Rippee, Kevin Russo,
7 Kevin Sevigny, Trey Taylor, Jason Thompson, Cory VanAllen, Sean
8 Walker, Paul Witt, and Abe Woody; and

9 WHEREAS, Athletic success at the college level requires
10 talent, discipline, and desire, and the Baylor baseball team
11 demonstrated these qualities and more during the 2005 season; the
12 Bears are a source of great pride to the school's devoted fans and
13 they are most worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
15 1st Called Session, hereby commend the Baylor Bears baseball team
16 on an outstanding season and extend best wishes to Coach Steve Smith
17 and his players and staff for continued success and good fortune;
18 and, be it further

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