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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The White Oak 17-18 All-Stars advanced to the Texas  
2 Dixie Boys Championship on July 21, 2005, with a dominating 21-0 win  
3 over the Euless All-Stars, and this significant achievement is a  
4 testament to the dedication and determination that characterize  
5 these young ballplayers; and

6           WHEREAS, The team posted 21 runs on 16 hits, and each starter  
7 scored at least two runs; with this impressive victory, White Oak  
8 advanced to the championship game and a chance to represent the Lone  
9 Star State in the Dixie National Tournament in Laurel, Mississippi;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Team members include Craig Allen Blankenship,  
12 Matthew Kyle Bowen, Scott Reast Copeland, Cory Wayne Dickerson,  
13 Joshua Louis Hardy, Griffin Thomas Hawthorne, Jess Mitchell Skeen,  
14 James Nathan Skeen, Joshua Matthew Smallwood, Trevor Scott Stagner,  
15 Nicholas Robert Leonard Thompson, Jonathan Davis Whitehurst, and  
16 Eric Scott Wait; and

17           WHEREAS, These talented athletes received able guidance from  
18 coaches Jimmy Skeen, Glenn Copeland, and Davis Whitehurst, who  
19 schooled their young charges in baseball fundamentals and  
20 encouraged the team to maintain a commitment to excellence  
21 throughout the tournament; and

22           WHEREAS, Although the team fell short of its goal of bearing  
23 the Texas flag at the national tournament, the players may take  
24 great pride in their performance, and they are most deserving of

1 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the White Oak  
4 17-18 All-Stars on their outstanding athletic accomplishments and  
5 extend to the players and coaches best wishes for the future; and,  
6 be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the All-Stars as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.