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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Texas Longhorn and major league baseball
2 player Brooks Kieschnick has been duly recognized for his exemplary
3 athletic career with his inclusion in the first induction class of
4 the new College Baseball Hall of Fame in Lubbock; and

5 WHEREAS, During his three years pitching for The University
6 of Texas at Austin, Mr. Kieschnick helped lead the Longhorns to two
7 Southwest Conference titles and two College World Series
8 appearances; he pitched 34 straight scoreless innings as a freshman
9 and finished his UT career ranked fifth with 48 starts and 345
10 innings pitched, seventh with seven shutouts, and ninth with 34
11 wins; in the batter's box, Mr. Kieschnick recorded 43 home runs, 116
12 extra base hits, and 67 doubles to rank second all-time in those
13 categories and posted 215 RBIs, third all-time; and

14 WHEREAS, Drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the first round of the
15 1993 MLB First-Year Player Draft, Mr. Kieschnick, nicknamed "The
16 Tool Shed," established himself as a versatile player who excelled
17 in the roles of pinch hitter, designated hitter, outfielder, and
18 relief pitcher; after two seasons with the Cubs, he played with the
19 Cincinnati Reds, Colorado Rockies, and Milwaukee Brewers,
20 compiling 306 career at-bats and a .248 batting average, as well as
21 a 4.59 earned run average on the mound; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kieschnick has garnered myriad accolades for his
23 achievements on the baseball diamond; in addition to numerous
24 All-American awards, he won the 1993 Baseball America National

1 Player of the Year award, became the only two-time Dick Howser
2 Trophy recipient, and was a two-time USA Baseball/MLBPA Golden
3 Spikes Award finalist; and

4 WHEREAS, His induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame
5 highlights his sterling athletic career; one of only 10 collegiate
6 legends chosen for this honor, Mr. Kieschnick joins an elite group
7 of athletes and coaches whose talent, hard work, and commitment to
8 excellence in the sport of baseball merit special recognition; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Brooks
12 Kieschnick on his induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame
13 and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Kieschnick as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.