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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, El Campo Little League, the 2006 Junior League World
Series Champion, has been named Achiever of the Year by the El Campo
Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, In earning the right to represent the USA Southwest region at the 2006 Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan, the Texas East state champions went unbeaten in five games at the Southwestern regional tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado; this was the fourth consecutive year that a team from Texas has claimed that honor; and

WHEREAS, El Campo came into the World Series competition with an impressive 17-1 record, having outscored opponents 160-47 in those 18 games; the team steadily advanced through its bracket, thanks to dominant pitching and timely hitting, before eventually facing and defeating West regional champion Pearl City Little League of Hawaii to win the United States pool; and

WHEREAS, In the championship game against international representative Mexico, El Campo Little League again relied on stellar pitching and airtight defense, as the team scored a hard-fought 2-1 victory against the talented Guaymas Little League team to secure the championship crown; and

WHEREAS, Manager Mark Van Gorp and Coach Mitchel Whitely guided El Campo to this impressive victory by emphasizing teamwork and fundamentals; members of this talented team include Holden Whitley, Anthony Cruz, Will Garrett, Garrett Miksik, Michael Van

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- 1 Gorp, Colton Green, Tanner Howard, Landon Appling, Travis Deiss,
- 2 Andrew Kinder, and Matthew Hamman; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Winning the Junior League World Series Championship
- 4 is an exceptional achievement for these young athletes and their
- 5 supporters in the community, and the memory of this accomplishment
- 6 will undoubtedly remain with them throughout their lives; now,
- 7 therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby congratulate El Campo Little League on winning
- 10 the Junior League World Series Championship and on receiving the
- 11 Achiever of the Year Award from the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and
- 12 Agriculture; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives.