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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 31 marked the opening day of the 2007 season
2 for the Magnolia National Little League in Houston, and the
3 beginning of another year of play offers a fitting opportunity to
4 pay tribute to this beneficial community organization; and

5 WHEREAS, In existence since the 1950s, Magnolia National
6 Little League is a nonprofit group that has provided several
7 generations of young people in the Magnolia community with an
8 opportunity to take part in an organized athletic league where they
9 can play baseball and softball; and

10 WHEREAS, The league is based at Hidalgo Park and offers teams
11 for boys and girls in many different age groups, from T-ball games
12 for five- and six-year-olds to senior competition for 15- and
13 16-year-olds; these young athletes have proven their talent and
14 determination through exceptional play, with the league's minor
15 division team, the Red Sox, winning the District 15 championship in
16 2006, the Cubs T-ball team finishing third in their district, and a
17 number of Magnolia girls' softball players competing in regional
18 sectional games; and

19 WHEREAS, A true community effort, the Magnolia National
20 Little League is organized by adult volunteers and underwritten by
21 sponsors whose generous support allows youths of limited financial
22 means to join in the fun; funds are also raised through an annual
23 barbecue cook-out that has become a popular local event, with
24 proceeds used to offset such expenses as hiring umpires and

1 purchasing equipment; and

2 WHEREAS, Committed involvement by local residents has been
3 part of the league's activities since the beginning; in 1958 area
4 leaders such as Mary Lopez and Emilio Luna lobbied the Houston City
5 Council to renovate Hidalgo Park so that the league would have a
6 home; more recently, Magnolia National Little League received
7 assistance from the Texas Fence Association, the Houston Astros,
8 and Minute Maid to enclose a much-needed third playing field at
9 Hidalgo Park; and

10 WHEREAS, By providing young people with a valuable
11 recreational outlet and exposing them to the character-building
12 qualities of athletic competition, the Magnolia National Little
13 League has been a positive influence for area youth for nearly a
14 half-century; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Magnolia National Little
17 League on the beginning of its 2007 season and commend this
18 outstanding organization and its volunteers and sponsors for their
19 contributions to the young people of eastern Houston; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the Magnolia National Little League as an expression
23 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.