

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 1949, the team from Bowie High School in El Paso
2 captured the first University Interscholastic League baseball
3 state championship ever awarded in Texas; though six decades have
4 since passed, that exceptional season remains a beloved memory for
5 the players and all who supported that outstanding team; and

6 WHEREAS, The Bowie Bears squad that ultimately won the title
7 was a determined group of players who could manufacture victories
8 with speedy baserunning and skilled pitching; Bowie suffered just
9 one loss in the regular season on its way to claiming the district
10 crown; in the first round of the playoffs, the team soundly beat
11 Lamesa High School to earn a trip to the state tournament in Austin;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Vying against seven other teams in single
14 elimination play, the Bears topped Stephenville in their opening
15 game and matched up against Waco in the semifinals; that dramatic
16 contest lasted 12 innings before Bowie scored the decisive runs,
17 thereby landing a spot in the championship game; and

18 WHEREAS, Bowie's opponent in the final was the hometown team
19 from Austin High School; Austin was heavily favored, but the Bears
20 refused to be intimidated; they established a three-run lead and
21 then withstood a nail-biting last-inning rally by their opponents;
22 when the final out was made on that June day in 1949, Bowie had
23 proven itself the finest team in Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout that special season, the members of the

1 Bears squad benefited from the inspired leadership of coach Nemo
2 Herrera, who instilled in them the discipline and knowledge to be
3 champions; with his guidance and the players' undeniable will to
4 succeed, the Bowie athletes triumphed over better-known teams, and
5 this notable achievement continues to merit wide acclaim; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of
9 the Bowie High School 1949 baseball team on the 60th anniversary of
10 their championship season and commend them for their unforgettable
11 accomplishment; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Bowie High School as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.

Marquez

H.R. No. 19

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 19 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House