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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.