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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The baseball team from Socorro High School in El

2 Paso reached the pinnacle of success by claiming the 2009

3 University Interscholastic League 5A state championship on June 13

4 at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock; and

5 WHEREAS, After dispatching Austin Westlake High School with

6 an 11-3 victory in the semifinals, Socorro squared off with Lufkin

7 High School in the title game; overcoming an early 2-0 deficit, the

8 Bulldogs knotted the score in the fourth inning with a two-run home

9 run from tournament Most Valuable Player Cory Falvey, who added a

10 grand slam in the fifth to break the game open; the El Paso team

11 eventually built a 12-3 lead and held off a late Lufkin rally to

12 capture the first state championship in school history by a final

13 score of 12-7; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to Mr. Falvey, the Bulldogs benefited

15 from the outstanding support and play of the other members of the

16 roster: Aaron Olivas, Tavi Amparan, George Stoltz, Chuy Diaz, Chris

17 Guzman, Marcus Molina, Oscar Sandate, Ivan Sigala, Josh Rodriguez,

18 Angel Soria, Mando Muniz, Luis Yanez, Eric Herrera, Roger Favela,

19 Jessiray Navarrette, Sergio Mendoza, Bobby Mares, and Rene

20 Rodriguez; and

21 WHEREAS, The Bulldogs finished the season with a notable

22 record of 35 wins and just 4 losses; instrumental to the team's

23 success was the leadership and guidance of head coach Chris Forbes,

24 who completed his 25th year at Socorro in 2009; in addition, the

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- 1 players profited from the expertise of assistant coaches Joe
- 2 Alvarez, Adrian Garcia, Federico Contreras, and Herbert Reyes as
- 3 well as the encouragement of principal Miguel Serrano; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents countless
- 5 hours of hard work and an enduring commitment to excellence, and the
- 6 dedicated student-athletes of the Socorro High School baseball team
- 7 will forever treasure their memories of this remarkable season;
- 8 now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Socorro
- 11 High School baseball team on winning the UIL 5A state championship
- 12 and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes
- 13 for continued success; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 16 House of Representatives.