

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In just its fifth season of competition, the  
2 softball team from The University of Texas at Tyler proved itself  
3 one of the finest in the nation, earning a spot in the 2009 NCAA  
4 Division III Softball College World Series; and

5           WHEREAS, Finishing the year with an overall record of 39 wins  
6 and 10 losses, the Patriots claimed the American Southwest  
7 Conference title and then continued their superb play in the  
8 postseason; in the West Regional tournament, UT Tyler twice bested  
9 No. 1-ranked Linfield College to become one of the eight teams to  
10 compete in the World Series tournament in Montclair, New Jersey;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, This exceptional ball club received valuable  
13 contributions from all the members of the roster and saw two of its  
14 players, sophomore Whitney Wyly and senior Roo Richardson, become  
15 the first postseason All-Americans from UT Tyler; the squad was  
16 guided by head coach Mike Reed, with valuable input from assistant  
17 coaches Keith Bell, Christy Shipley-Gipson, Colby Gipson, and Kate  
18 Lightfield; and

19           WHEREAS, Through teamwork and determination, the Patriots  
20 softball team has furthered UT Tyler's admirable tradition of  
21 athletic excellence, and the players may reflect with tremendous  
22 pride on a memorable year; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate the softball team from The

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1 University of Texas at Tyler on its outstanding 2009 season and  
2 extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and staff for continued  
3 success; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

Berman  
Merritt  
Cook  
Hughes  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2775 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House