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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, June 11, 2009, marks the debut of the Coastal Bend 2 Thunder baseball team, which is beginning its first season of 3 competition in United League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, The newest franchise in the ULB, the Thunder will compete against teams from Edinburg, Laredo, Harlingen, San Angelo, and Amarillo, which promises strong intrastate rivalries among the six ball clubs in the Texas-based league; and

8 WHEREAS, The Coastal Bend team will make its home at 9 Fairgrounds Field in Robstown, and the Thunder will throw out the 10 first pitch there on June 15 after playing its opening series in 11 Harlingen; and

WHEREAS, Overseeing the team's operations are general manager C. J. Bauer and assistant general managers Ray Hunt and Javier Limon; the action on the field will be guided by manager Al Gallagher, a former major league player who has extensive experience at the helm of minor league teams; and

WHEREAS, The Coastal Bend region is filled with passionate baseball fans, and the arrival of the Thunder promises them plenty of excitement and entertainment this summer and in seasons to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the inaugural season of play for the Coastal Bend Thunder baseball team and extend best wishes to the team's players, coaches, and management for great success; and, be

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1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for the Thunder as an expression of high regard by the 4 Texas House of Representatives.