

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Through hard work and an enduring commitment to  
2 excel on the diamond, the Forney High School softball team  
3 completed a remarkable season in 2011, advancing all the way to the  
4 University Interscholastic League 4A title game; and

5           WHEREAS, The Forney High players got off to a fast start,  
6 posting a record of 13 wins and 4 losses in tournament play and  
7 defeating a number of teams with state and national rankings; they  
8 continued their strong performance in district competition and  
9 clinched the 15-4A title on April 22; highlights of the regular  
10 season included a month-long, 11-game winning streak and a  
11 no-hitter thrown by Macie Tillery on April 1; and

12           WHEREAS, During the 4A playoffs, the Lady Jackrabbits put  
13 together a string of impressive victories, including triumphs over  
14 the highly regarded teams from Royse City and Frisco Wakeland High  
15 Schools; Forney's high-powered offense was a key to its success all  
16 year long, and that was particularly true in the regional finals,  
17 when the lineup combined for 18 runs in two games against Frisco  
18 Centennial to secure a place in the state tournament; there, the  
19 Lady Rabbits knocked off the squad from Waco Midway with a 9-6 win  
20 in the semifinals before falling to Santa Fe High School in the  
21 championship game to finish as state runner-up; and

22           WHEREAS, In its thrilling 2011 season, the team benefited  
23 from valuable contributions from each of its members; in addition  
24 to Ms. Tillery, the roster includes Allison Brown, Hillary Steed,

1 Taylor LeFlore, Laura Mabary, Christina Binford, Brooke McCarroll,  
2 Rylie Chappell, Ashlin Lovett, Micah Fitzgerald, Taylor Penn, Allie  
3 Miller, Krista Williams, Natalie Mayhall, Macey Morgan, and Jasmine  
4 Lusk; and

5 WHEREAS, These skilled athletes were guided by head coach  
6 Eric Montgomery and assistant coaches Autumn Petrino and Steve  
7 Kirwan, and they also benefited from the work of trainer Heather  
8 Graham and managers Alex Medina, Victoria Medina, Courtney Homer,  
9 and Logan Lock; and

10 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the Lady Jackrabbits  
11 softball players are a source of pride for their school and  
12 community, and the lessons these young competitors learned about  
13 teamwork and dedication will continue to benefit them throughout  
14 their lives; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Forney  
17 High School softball team on its outstanding 2011 season and extend  
18 to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
19 continued achievement; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives.

Gooden

H.R. No. 71

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 71 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House