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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.