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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The baseball team of Rider High School in Wichita
2 Falls brought the 2011 season to a triumphant close by winning the
3 University Interscholastic League 4A state championship with a
4 victory in the title game on June 10; and

5 WHEREAS, Facing Corpus Christi Calallen in the finals of the
6 state tournament, the Raiders jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first
7 inning, added two runs in the second, and then relied on its
8 pitching and defense; a key play came in the fifth inning, when
9 senior Cameron Allen saved multiple runs with a spectacular diving
10 catch on a fly ball to left field; he then pitched the final two
11 innings, holding the opponents scoreless, to secure the first
12 baseball state championship in the history of Rider High; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was named the tournament's most valuable
14 player, and he was joined on the 4A All-Tournament Team by Ben
15 Smith, Christien Sager, Blake Brom, and Gage Green; the Raiders
16 also benefited throughout the season from the valuable
17 contributions of the other members of the roster: Brandon Poirot,
18 Ben Bates, Ben Cummings, Laandon Geisinger, Mason Stone, Blake
19 Burrus, Nick Russell, Matt Montague, Collin Porter, Jordan
20 McQuerry, Jon Jones, Cullen Wegmann, Chad Coburn, Isaac Alston,
21 David Pewenofkit, Kyler Ritchie, Zach Seale, and Austin Hagy; and

22 WHEREAS, These determined athletes were guided by head coach
23 Scot Green and assistant coaches Josh Bobbitt, Blake Morrison, and
24 Tim Radtke, and they also benefited from the work of trainers Ray

1 Winkels and Dan Brown; and

2 WHEREAS, Winning the 4A title fulfills the Raiders'
3 championship destiny, after having previously reached the state
4 tournament in 2005 and 2010; in so doing, the team has become a
5 source of great pride to its school and to its many supporters in
6 the community, and this achievement will forever remain a fond
7 memory for each of the Rider High players; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the baseball
10 team of Rider High School in Wichita Falls on winning the UIL 4A
11 state championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and
12 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.