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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The baseball team of Eastfield College in Mesquite
2 earned the school's third national championship in the sport on May
3 26, 2011, with a victory in the title game of the National Junior
4 College Athletic Association Division III World Series, held at
5 Mike Carter Field in Tyler; and

6 WHEREAS, After losing their first game in the national
7 tournament, the Harvesters came roaring back to claim their next
8 six contests; their advance through the losers bracket concluded
9 with back-to-back triumphs over defending national champion
10 Gloucester County College of New Jersey, including a commanding 8-4
11 win to secure the title; Eastfield became just the second team in
12 the history of the Division III World Series to become champions
13 after dropping the opening game; and

14 WHEREAS, The Harvesters' come-from-behind success in the
15 tournament was typical of the 2011 season, in which they got off to
16 a slow start before hitting their stride and going on to win the
17 Metro Athletic Conference title and the NJCAA District C
18 championship; and

19 WHEREAS, In recognition of his fine play in Tyler, Nathan
20 Hancock won the 2011 Tournament Most Valuable Player award, and
21 Blake Oliver, Michael Weatherly, and Hestand Foster were named to
22 the All-Tournament Team; head coach Michael Martin also received
23 outstanding contributions from the rest of the roster as the 2011
24 Harvesters joined the 2001 and 2006 teams as national champions;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Through skill, determination, and an undeniable
3 will to win, the Eastfield College baseball team proved itself the
4 top Division III squad in the country, and these exceptional
5 athletes may take justifiable pride in their achievement; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Eastfield
9 College baseball team on winning the NJCAA Division III World
10 Series and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best
11 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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